

## Supporting Information for

# Pd(II)/Lewis Acid catalyzed regioselective indole olefination with dioxygen

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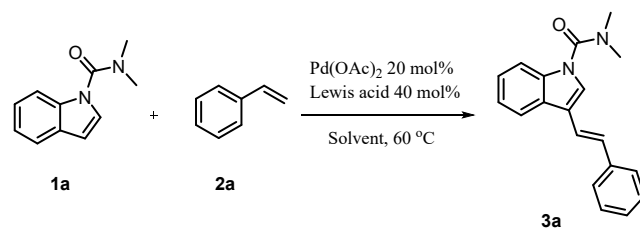
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## 1. Optimizations of the reaction conditions

**Table S1. Optimization of the reaction conditions for the indole olefination reaction <sup>a</sup>**

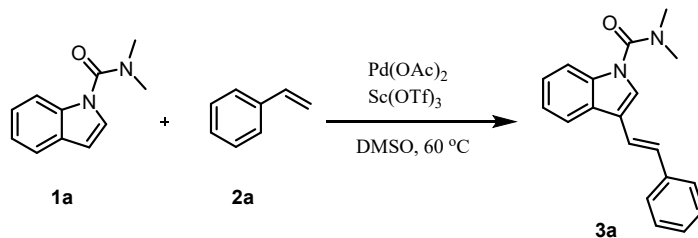


Entry	Catalyst	Lewis acid	Solvent	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	-	DMSO	16
2	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	NaOTf	DMSO	10
3	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Ca(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DMSO	28
4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DMSO	35
5	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Cu(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DMSO	40
6	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Cu(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	DMSO	35
7	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Al(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	50
8	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	63
9	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Y(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	65
10	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	75
11	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Sc(OAc) <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	45
12	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	ScF <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	64
13	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DMF	31
14	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	MeCN	n.d.
15	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	n.d.
16	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	Dioxane	n.d.
17	-	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	DMSO	n.d.

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: solvent (1.0 mL), **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (20 mol%), Lewis acid (40 mol%),

O<sub>2</sub> balloon, 60 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

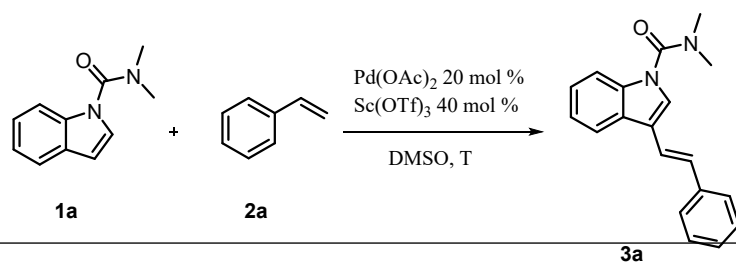
**Table S2. Ratio and amount of the catalyst loadings for the indole olefination reaction <sup>a</sup>**



Entry	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> :Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub> (mol%)	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	10:20	54
2	15:30	60
3	20:40	75
4	20:20	63

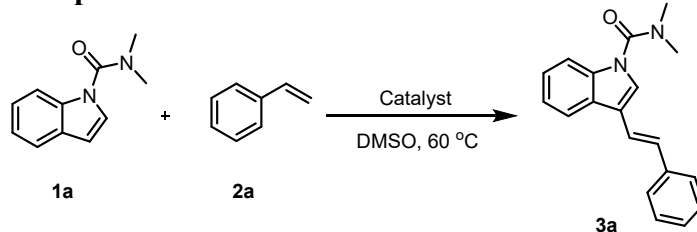
<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: DMSO (1.0 mL), **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10-20 mol%), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (20-40 mol%), O<sub>2</sub> balloon, 60 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

**Table S3. The influence of reaction temperature for the indole olefination reaction**



Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	T (°C)	Time (h)	Yield (%)
1	Pd(II)/Sc(III)	DMSO	50	24	35
2			60		75
3			70		60
4			80		54

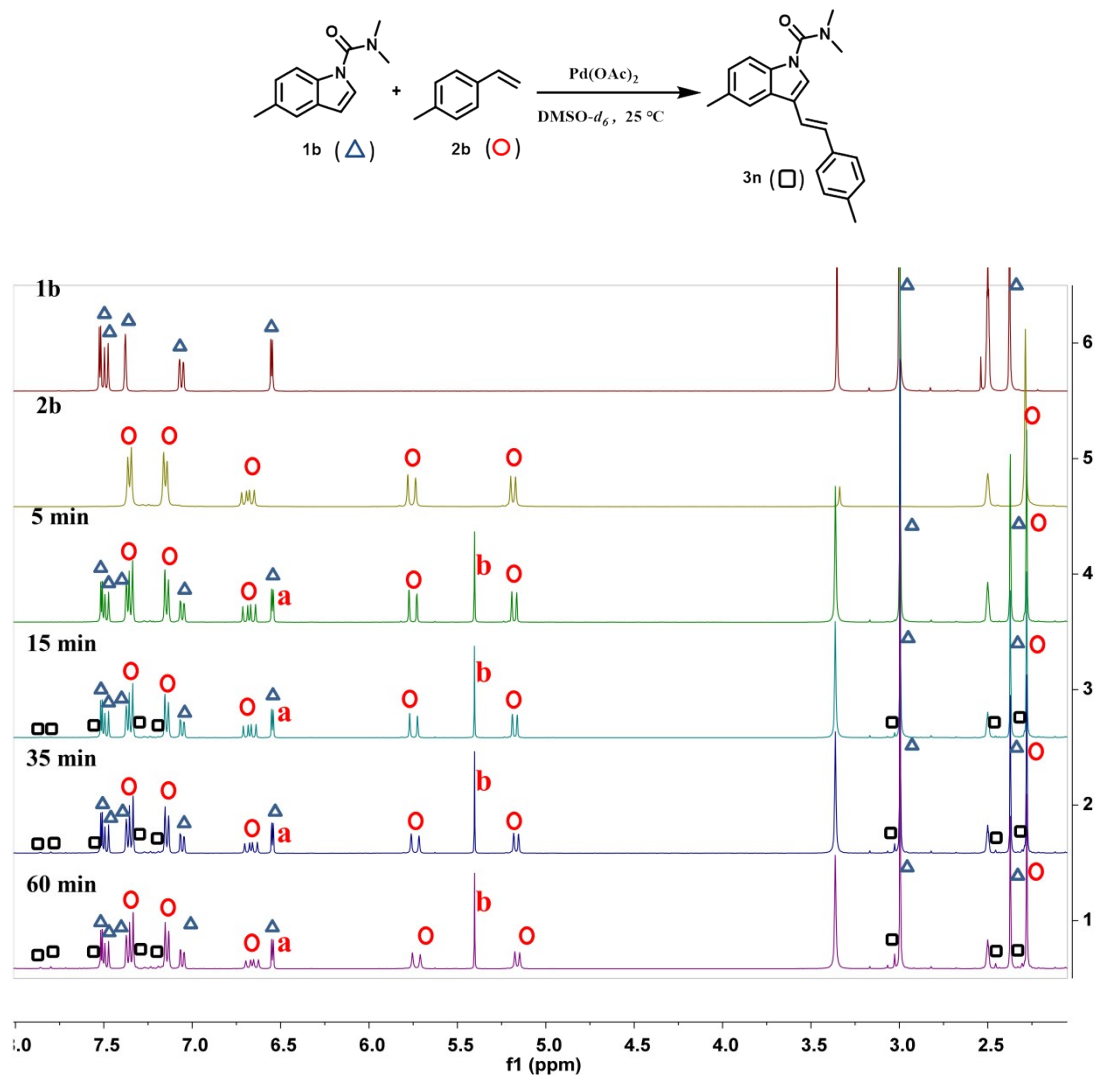
<sup>a</sup> Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (20 mol %), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (40 mol %), O<sub>2</sub> balloon. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

**Table S4. Control experiments for the indole olefination reaction <sup>a</sup>**

Entry	Catalyst	Yield (%) <sup>b</sup>
1	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub>	16
2	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	n.d.
3	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> +Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	75
4	Pd(OAc) <sub>2</sub> +HOTf (120 mol%)	11
5	Pd(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	n.d.

<sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: DMSO (1.0 mL), **1a** (0.2 mmol), **2a** (0.4 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (10-20 mol%), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (20-40 mol%), O<sub>2</sub> balloon, 60 °C, 24 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield.

2.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetic studies of the reaction between *N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide and 4-methylstyrene in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$



**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetics of **1b** (0.05 mmol) with **2b** (0.05 mmol) in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  (0.6 mL) in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  at room temperature with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  (0.025mmol) as the internal stanard.

3.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetic studies of the reaction between *N,N,5*-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide and 4-methylstyrene in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2/\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$

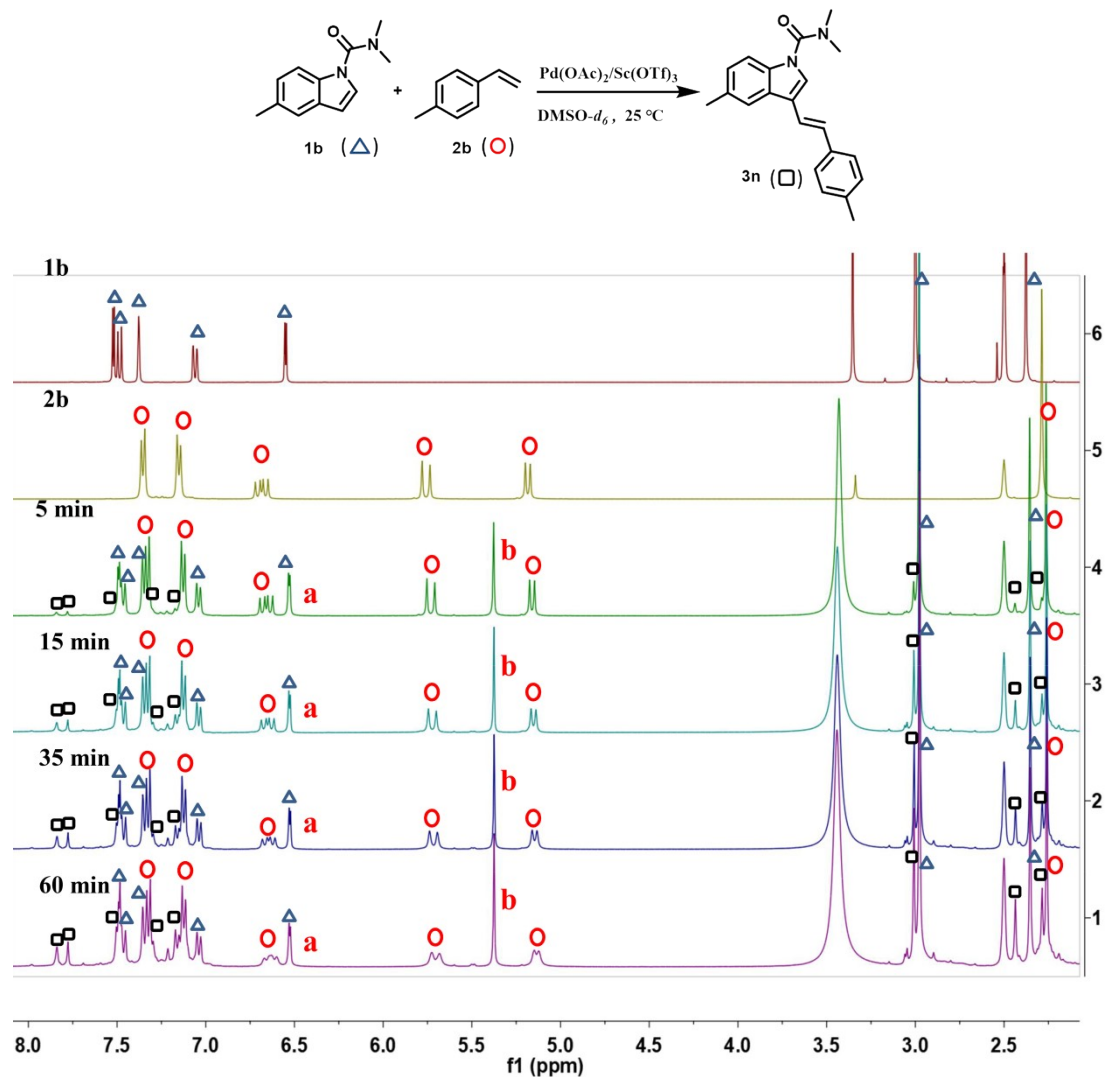
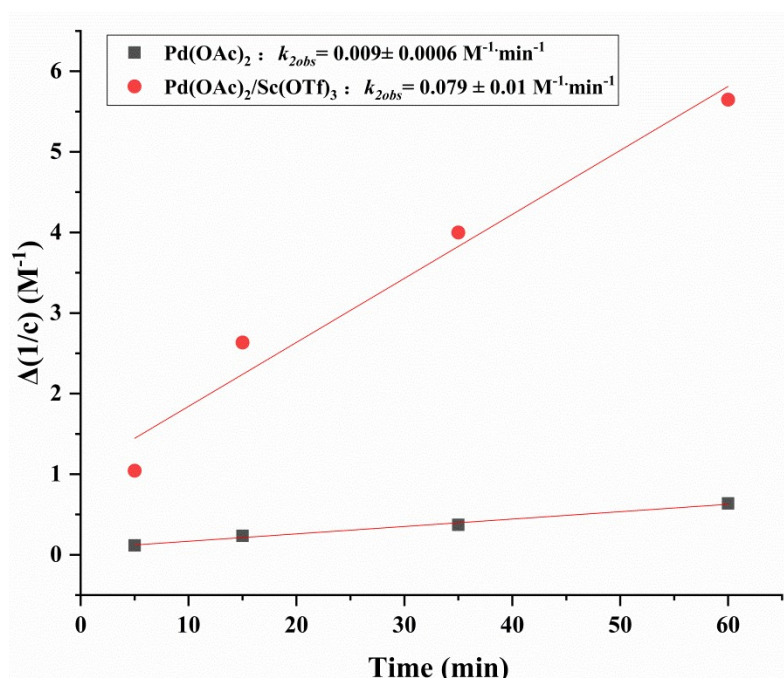


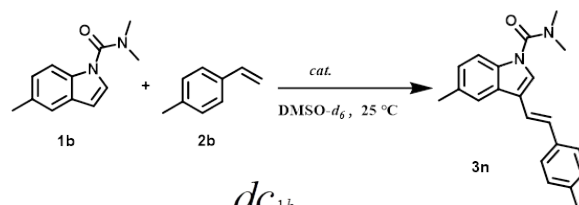
Fig. S2  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetics of **1b** (0.05mmol) with **2b** (0.05 mmol) in  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$  (0.6 mL) in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2/\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$  at room temperature with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2$  (0.025mmol) as the internal stanard.

**4. The second-order kinetics of the olefination reaction between *N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide and 4-methylstyrene monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy**



**Fig. S3** The second order kinetics of the olefination reaction between **1b** (*N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide) and substrate **2b** (4-methylstyrene),  $\Delta(1/c) = 1/(0.083-c) - 1/0.083$ .

The kinetic calculations were carried out following the equations as below, where **a** is the initial concentration of **1b**, **y** is the conversion rate of **1b**, **t** is the reaction time, **1b** and **2b** have the identically initial concentrations:



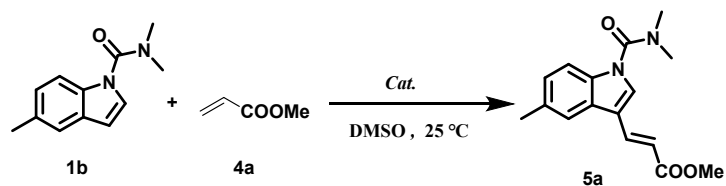
$$r = -\frac{dc_{1b}}{dt} = k_{2obs} \cdot c_{1b}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c_{1b(t)}} - \frac{1}{c_{1b(t_0)}} = k_{2obs} \cdot t$$

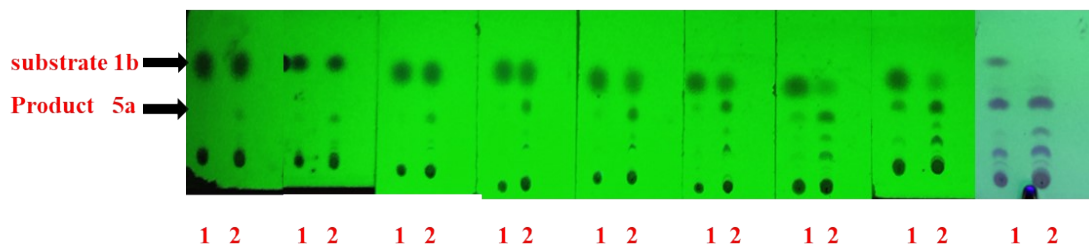
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a(1-y)} - \frac{1}{a} = k_{2obs} \cdot t$$



5. TLC kinetic observation of the reaction between *N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide and methyl acrylate catalyzed by Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (point 1) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>/Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (point 2) with dioxygen balloon

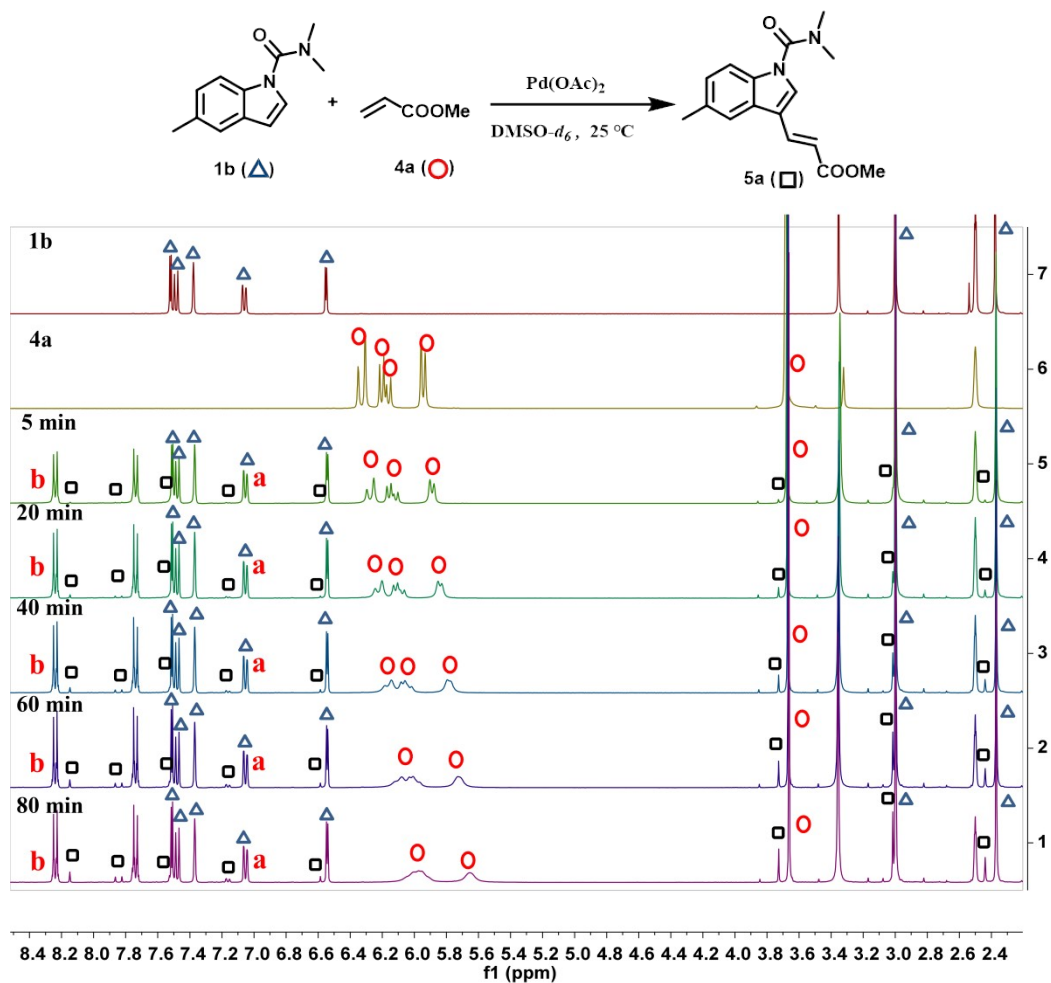


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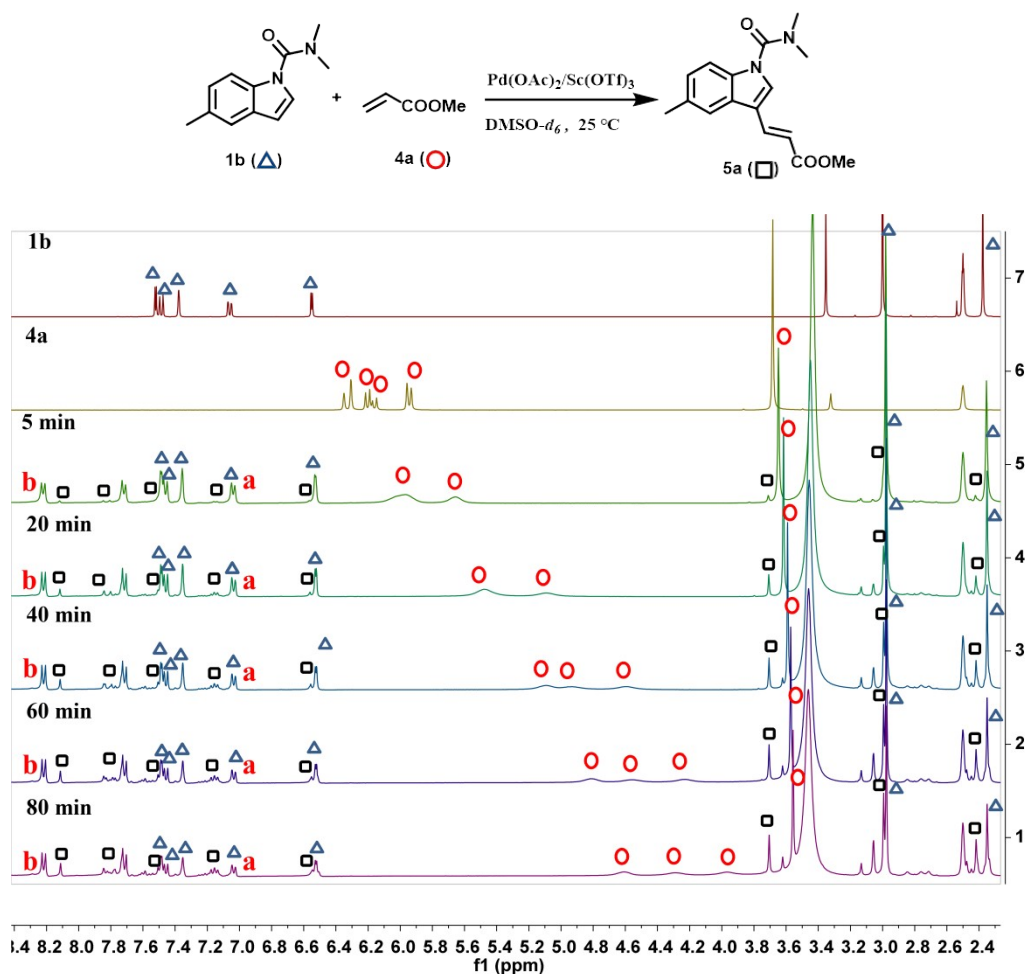
**Fig. S4** Reaction conditions: *N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide **1b** (0.05 mmol), methyl acrylate **4a** (0.05 mmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.05 mmol), Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (0.05 mol), DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (0.6mL), O<sub>2</sub> balloon, 25 °C.

6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetics of the reaction between *N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide and methyl acrylate in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$



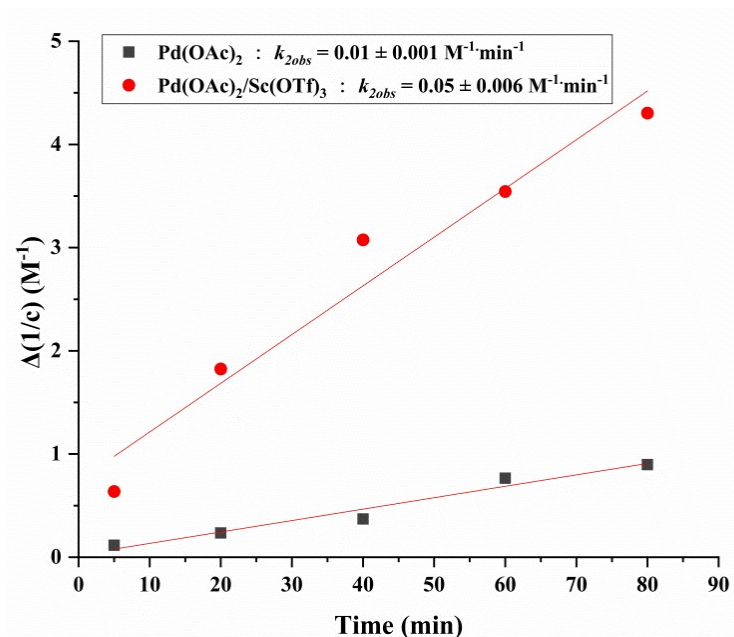
**Fig. S5**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetics of **1b** (0.05mmol) with **4a** (0.05 mmol) in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  (0.6 mL) in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  at room temperature with 4-chloronitrobenzene (0.025mmol) as the internal standard.

7.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetics of the reaction between *N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide and Methyl acrylate in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2/\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$



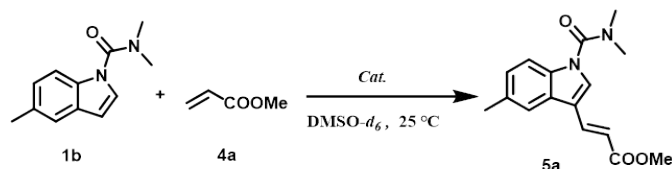
**Fig. S6**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR kinetics of **1b** (0.05 mmol) with **4a** (0.05 mmol) in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  (0.6 mL) in the presence of one equivalent  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2/\text{Sc}(\text{OTf})_3$  at room temperature with 4-chloronitrobenzene (0.025 mmol) as the internal standard.

8. The second-order kinetics of the olefination reaction between of *N,N*,5-trimethyl-1*H*-indole-1-carboxamide and methyl acrylate



**Fig. S7** The second order kinetics of the olefination reaction between **1b** and **4a** monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy,  $\Delta(1/c) = 1/(0.083-c) - 1/0.083$ .

The kinetic calculations were carried out following the equations as below, where **a** is the initial concentration of **1b**, **y** is the conversion rate of **1b**, **t** is the reaction time, **1b** and **4a** have the identically initial concentrations:



$$r = -\frac{dc_{1b}}{dt} = k_{2obs} \cdot c_{1b}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c_{1b(t)}} - \frac{1}{c_{1b(t_0)}} = k_{2obs} \cdot t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a(1-y)} - \frac{1}{a} = k_{2obs} \cdot t$$

## 9. UV-vis spectra of the catalyst in DMSO

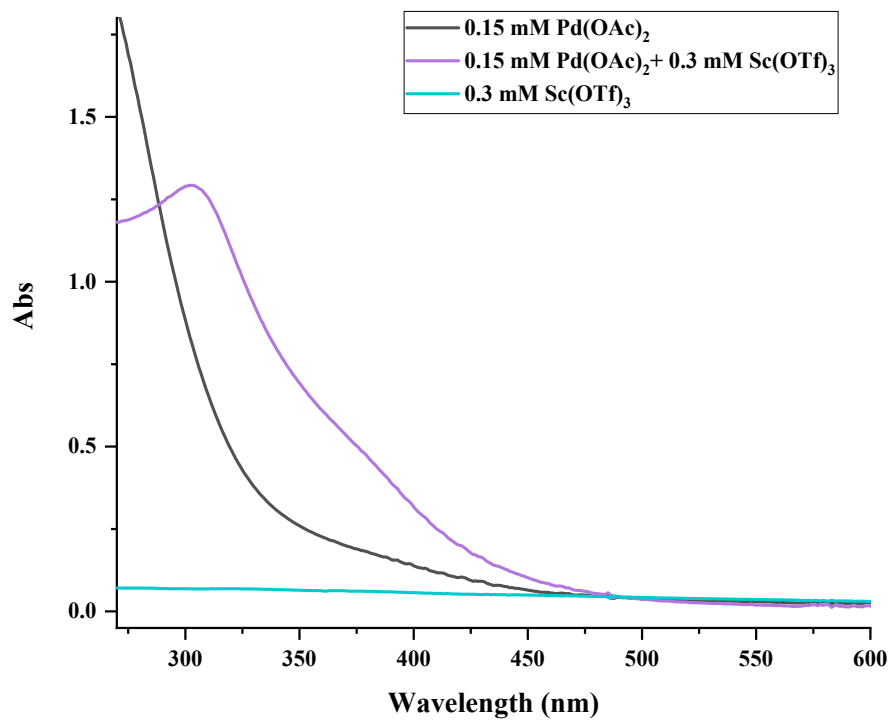
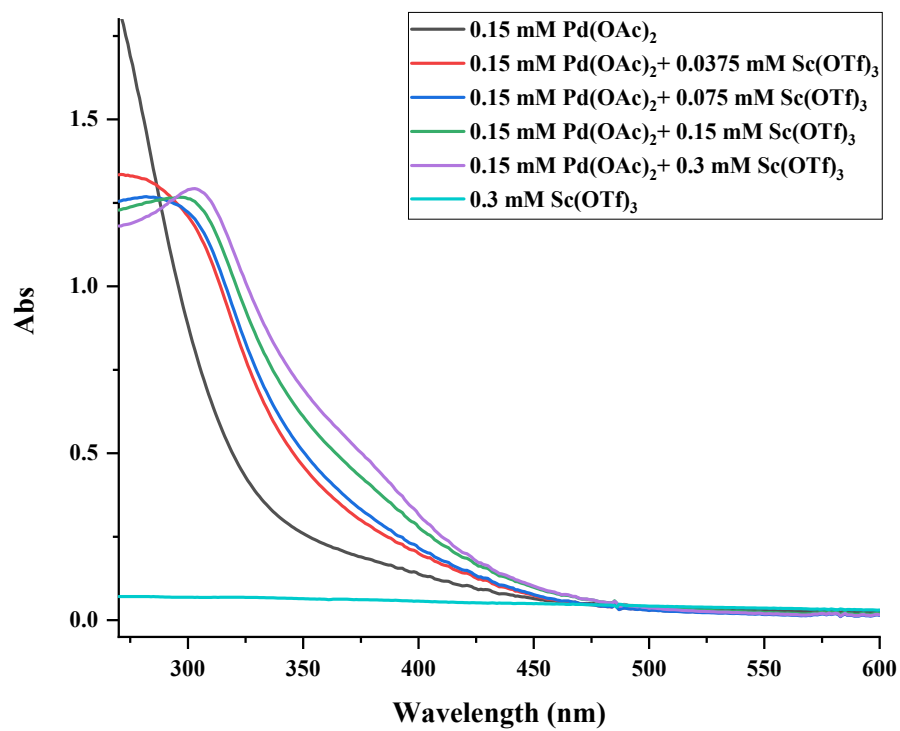


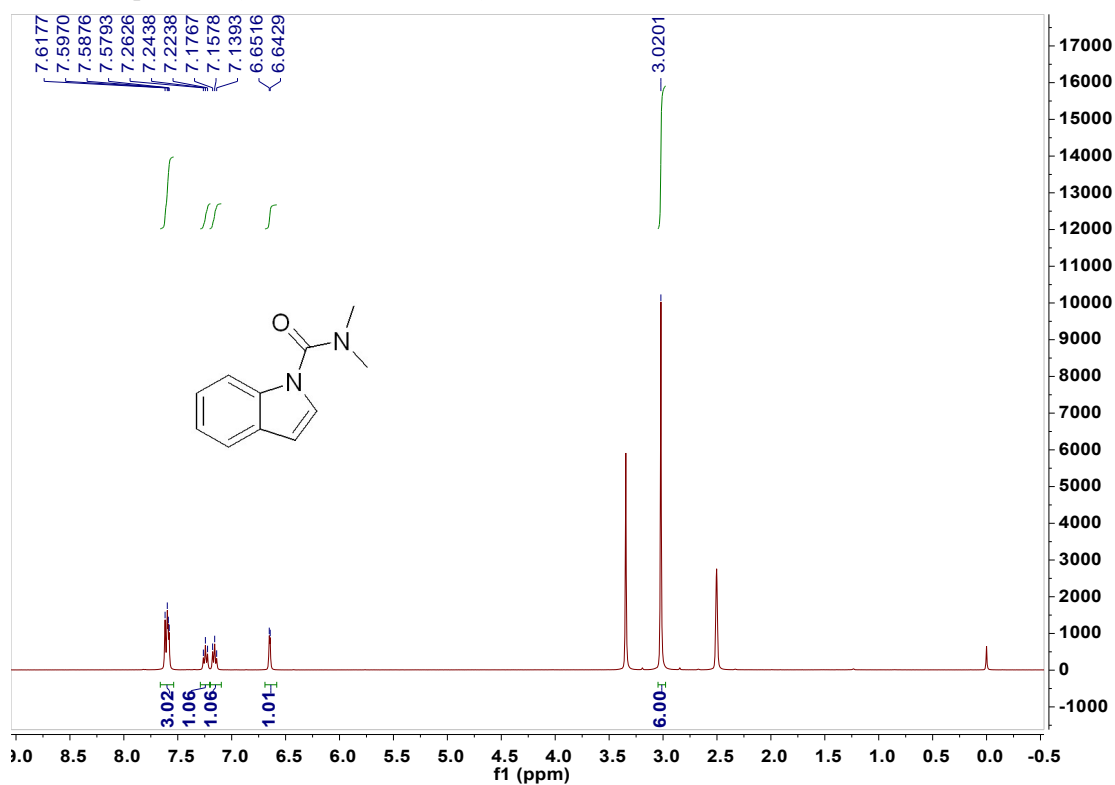
Fig. S8 UV-vis spectra of Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> and Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> in DMSO.



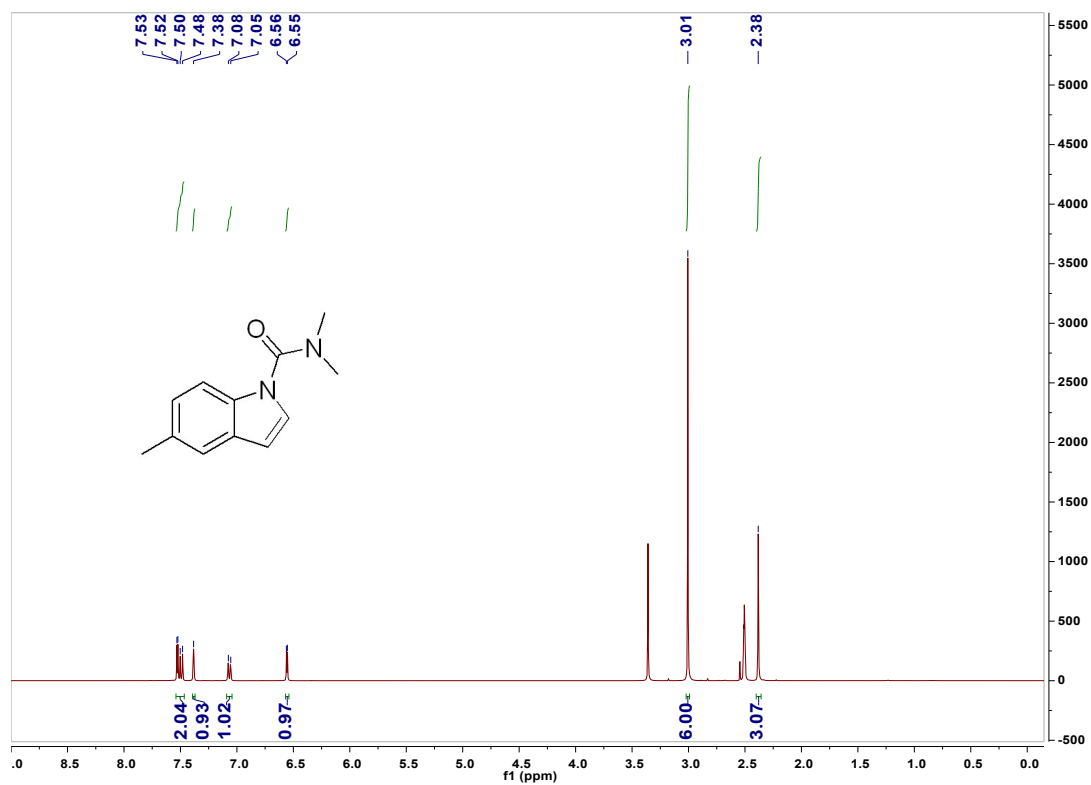
**Fig. S9** UV-vis spectra of the Pd(II)/Sc(III) catalyst in DMSO. Conditions: 0.15 mM Pd(II), 0-0.3 mM Sc(III), room temperature.

## 10. $^1\text{H}$ NMR and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra of all compounds

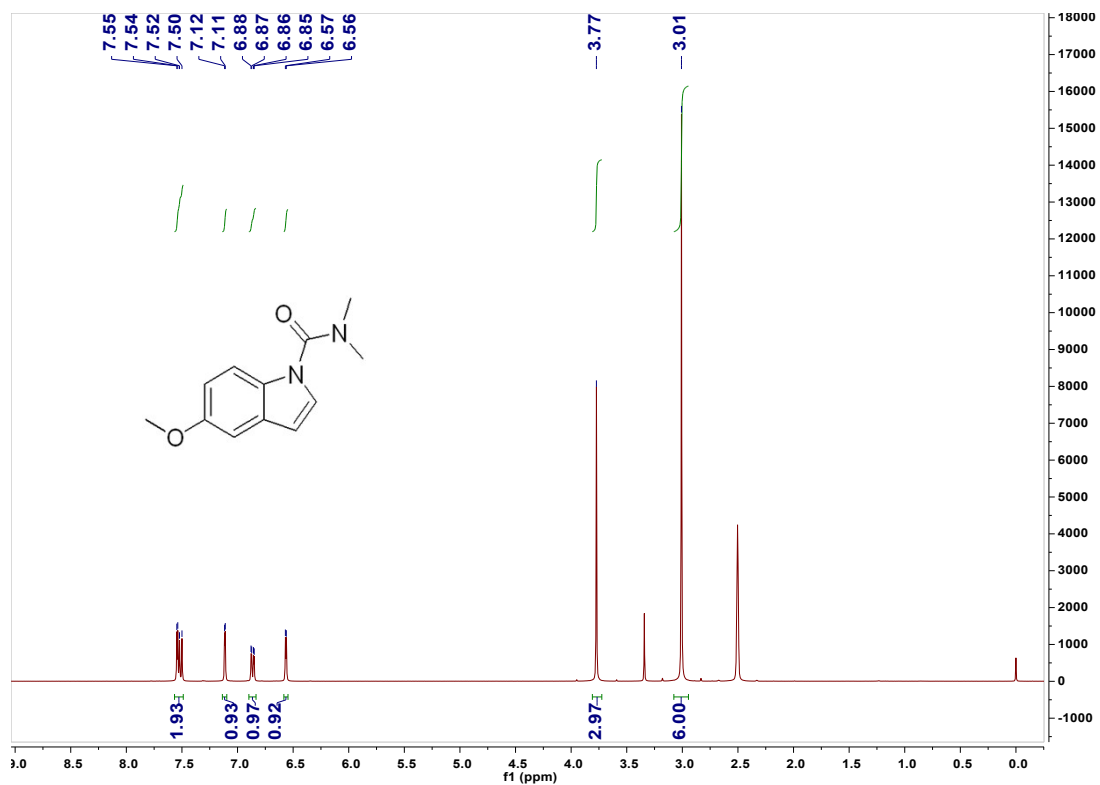
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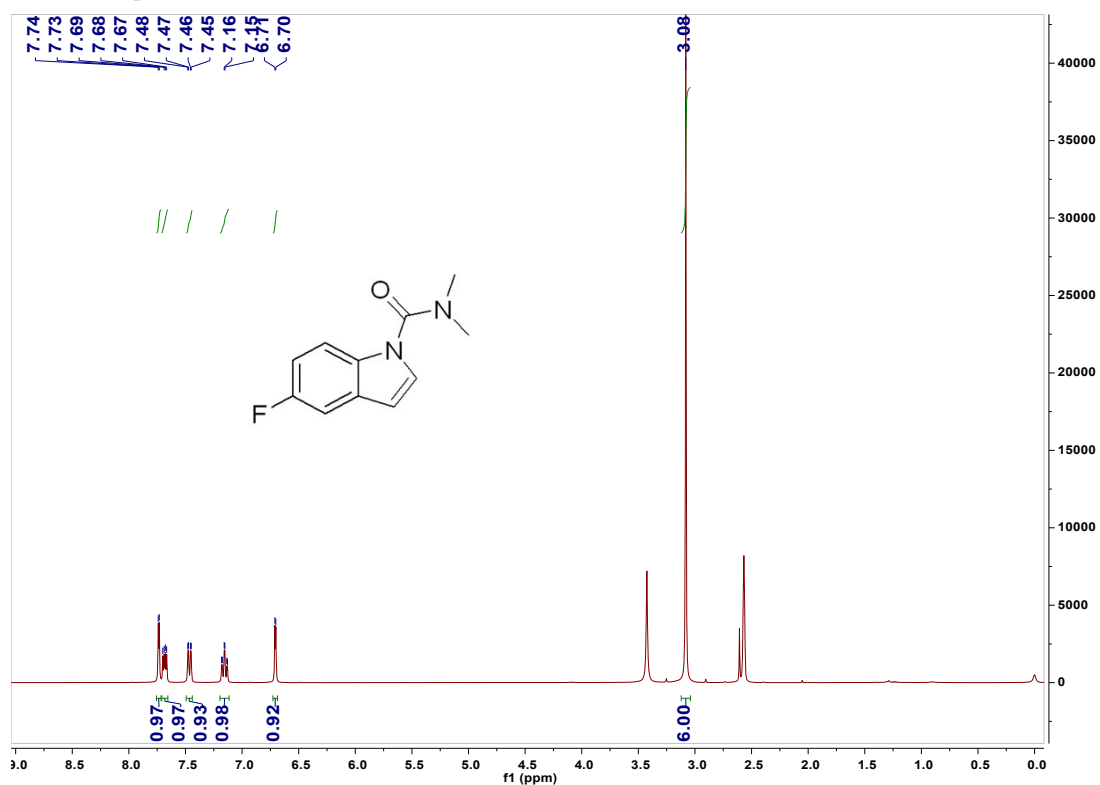
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of **1c**

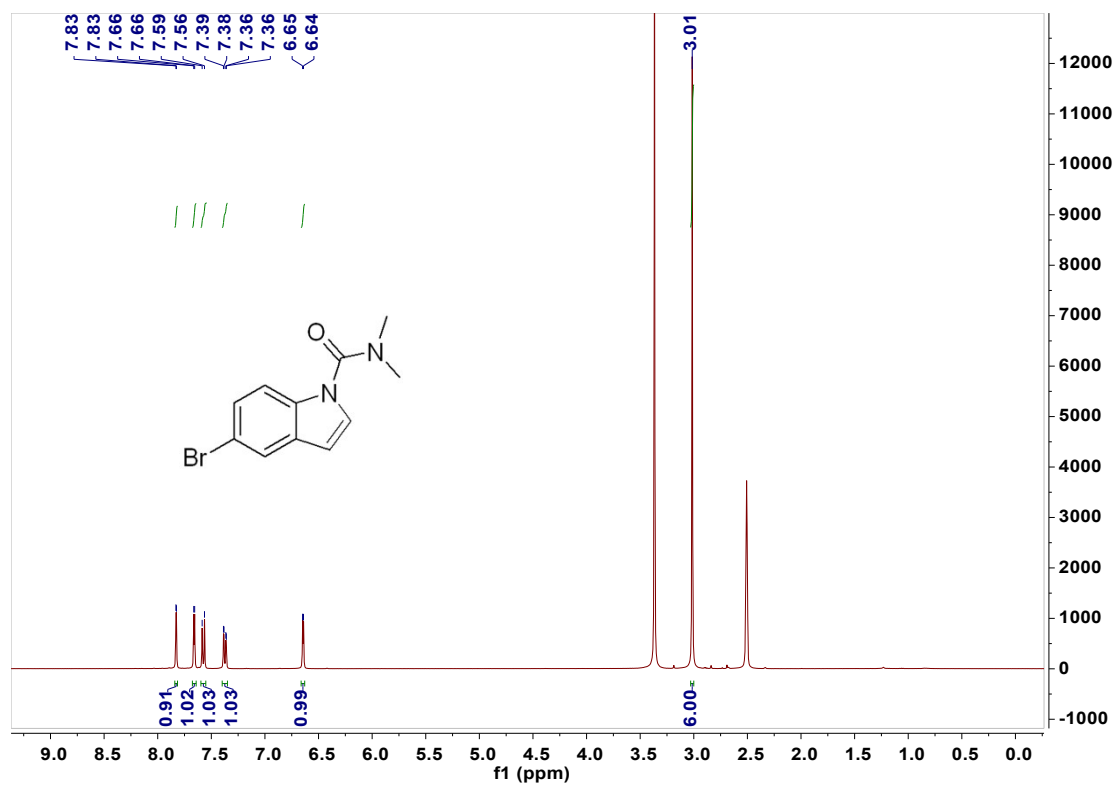


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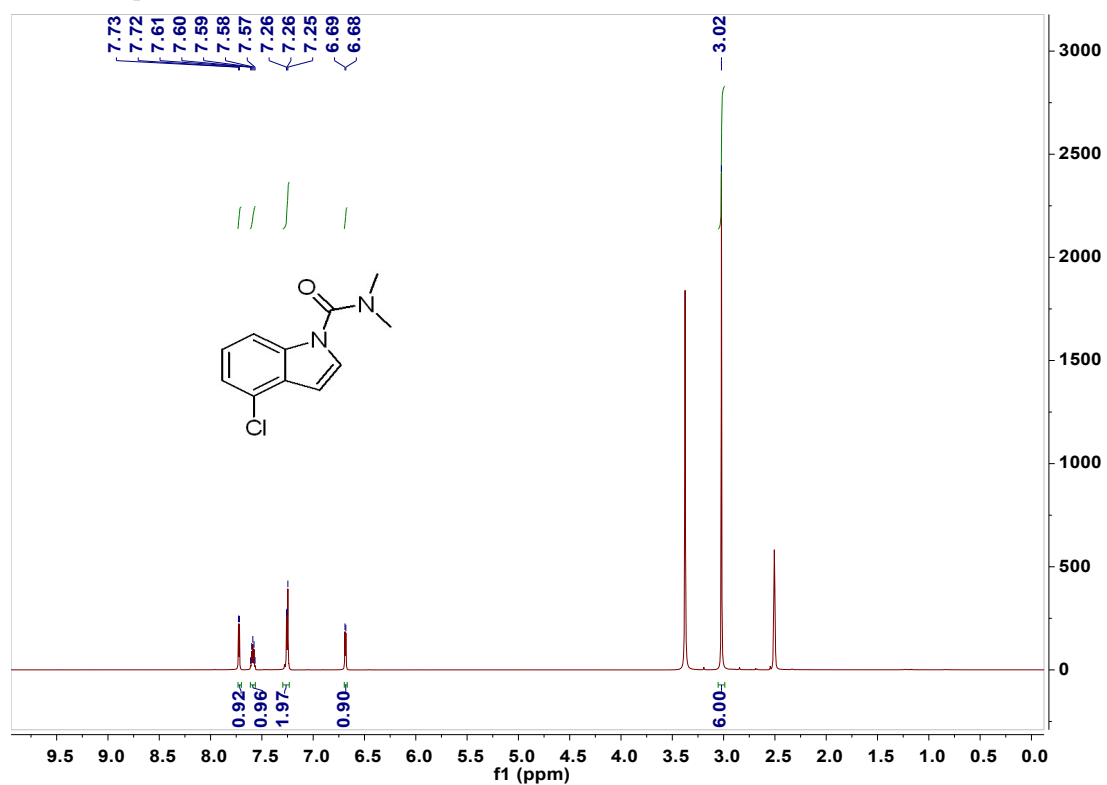




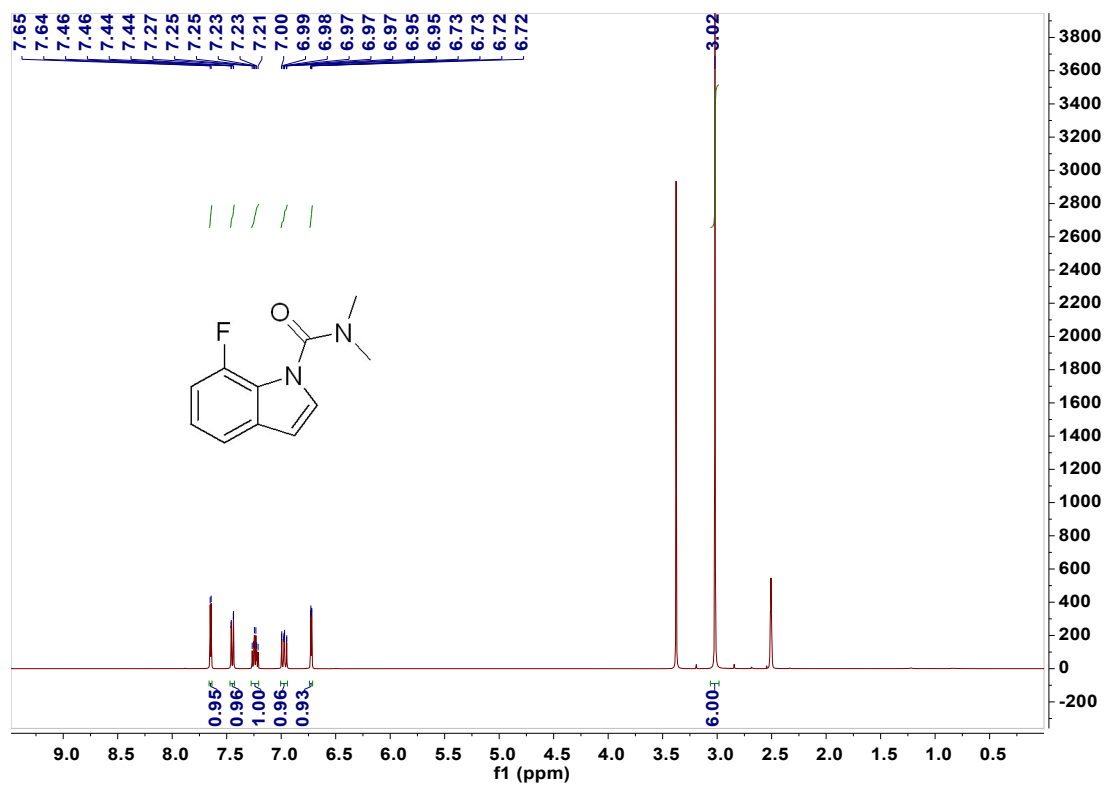
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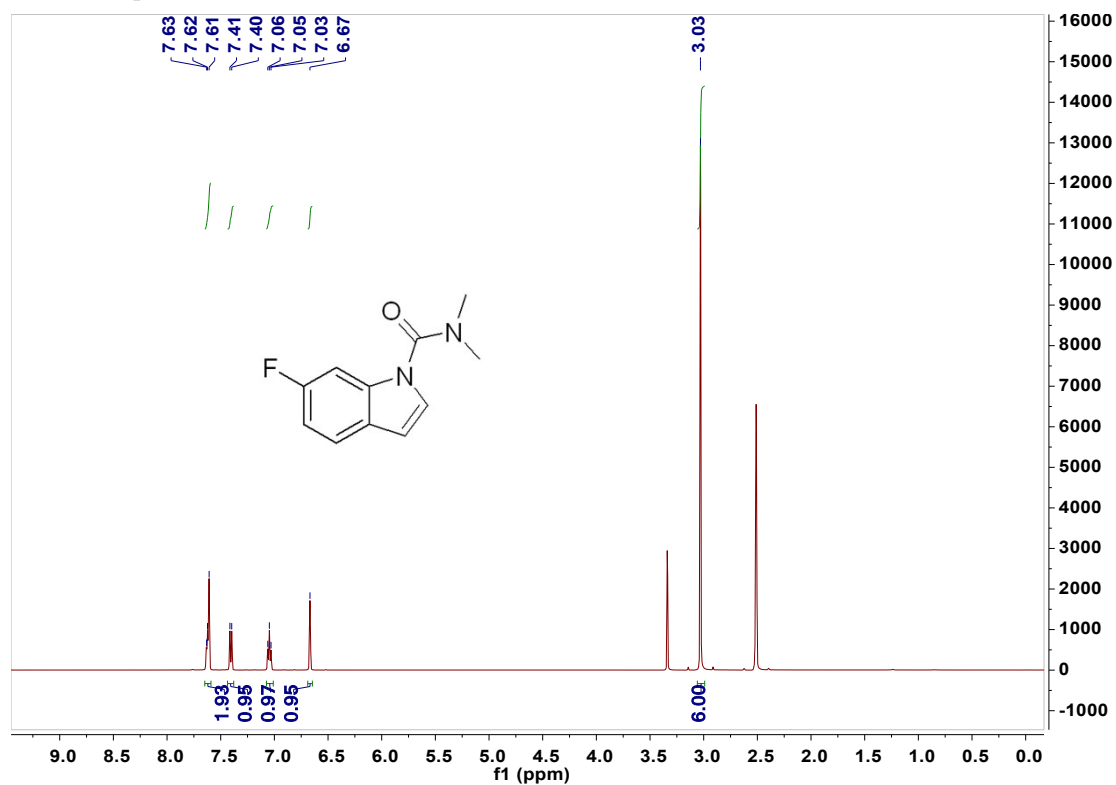
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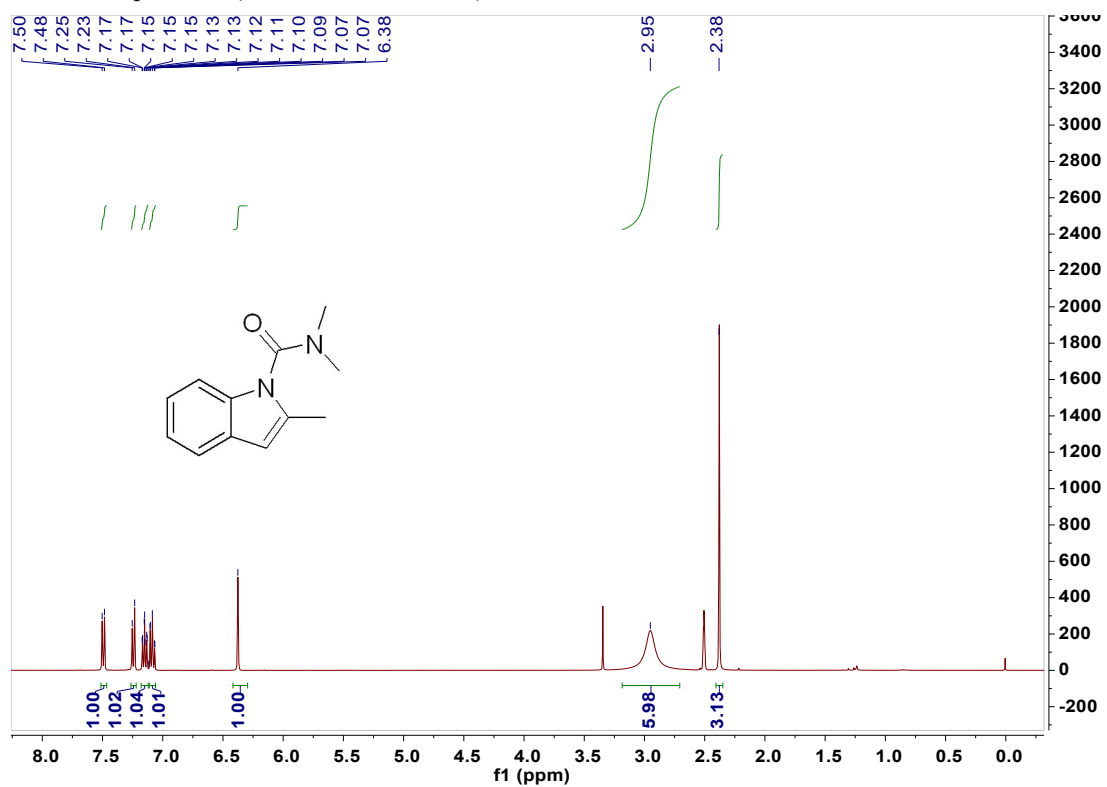
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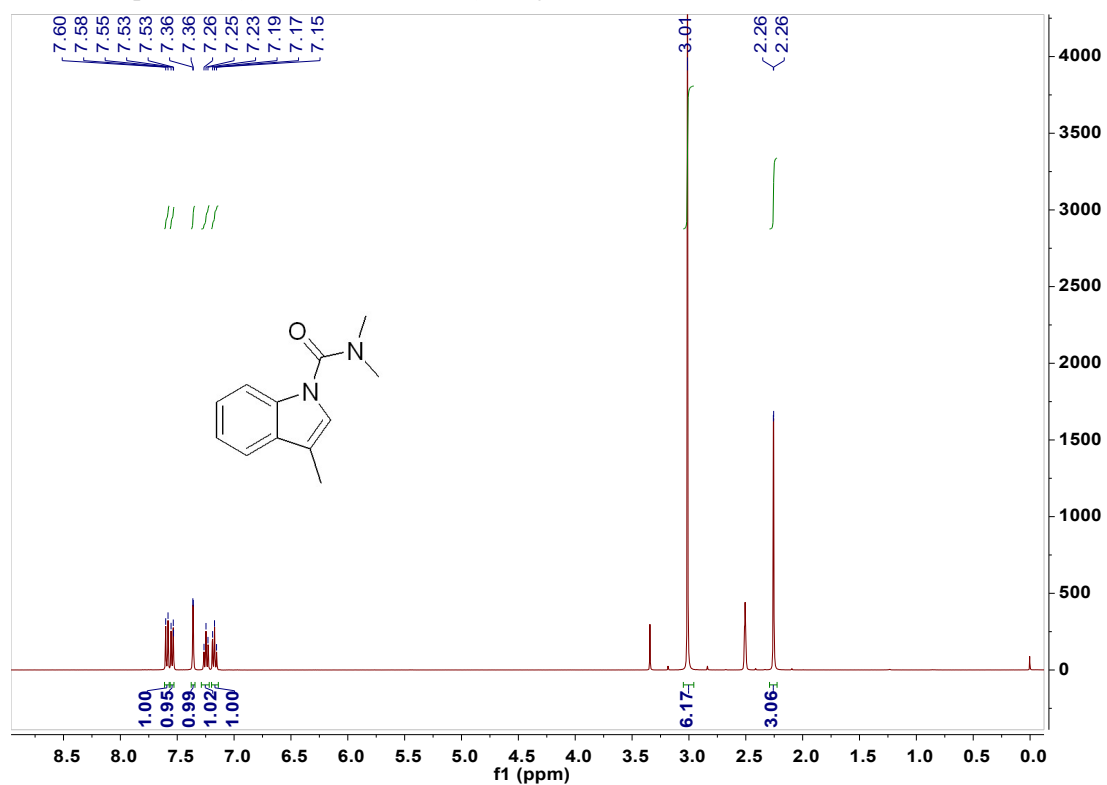
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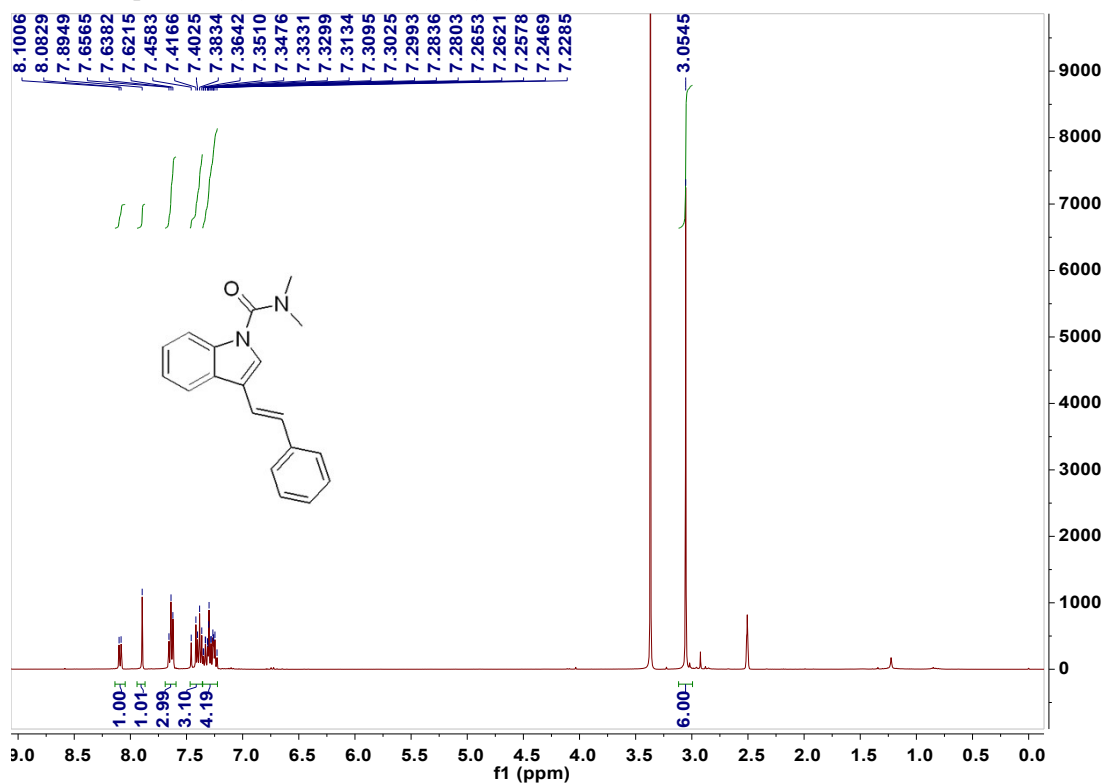
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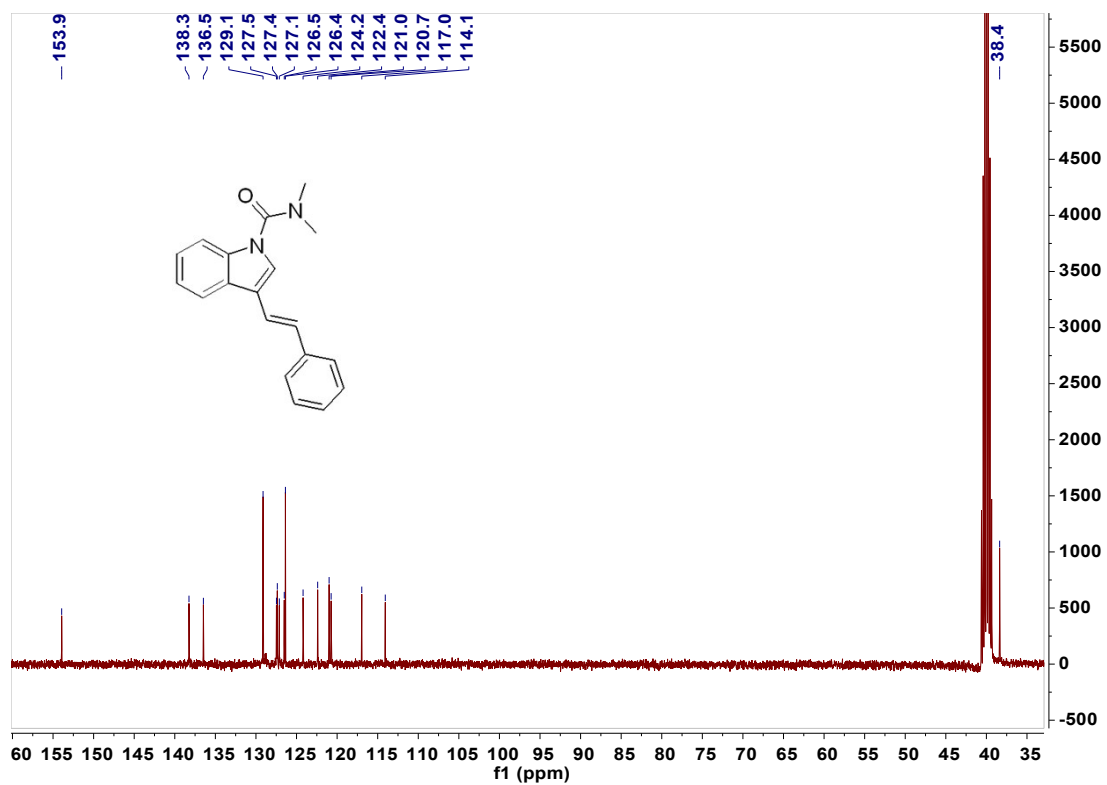
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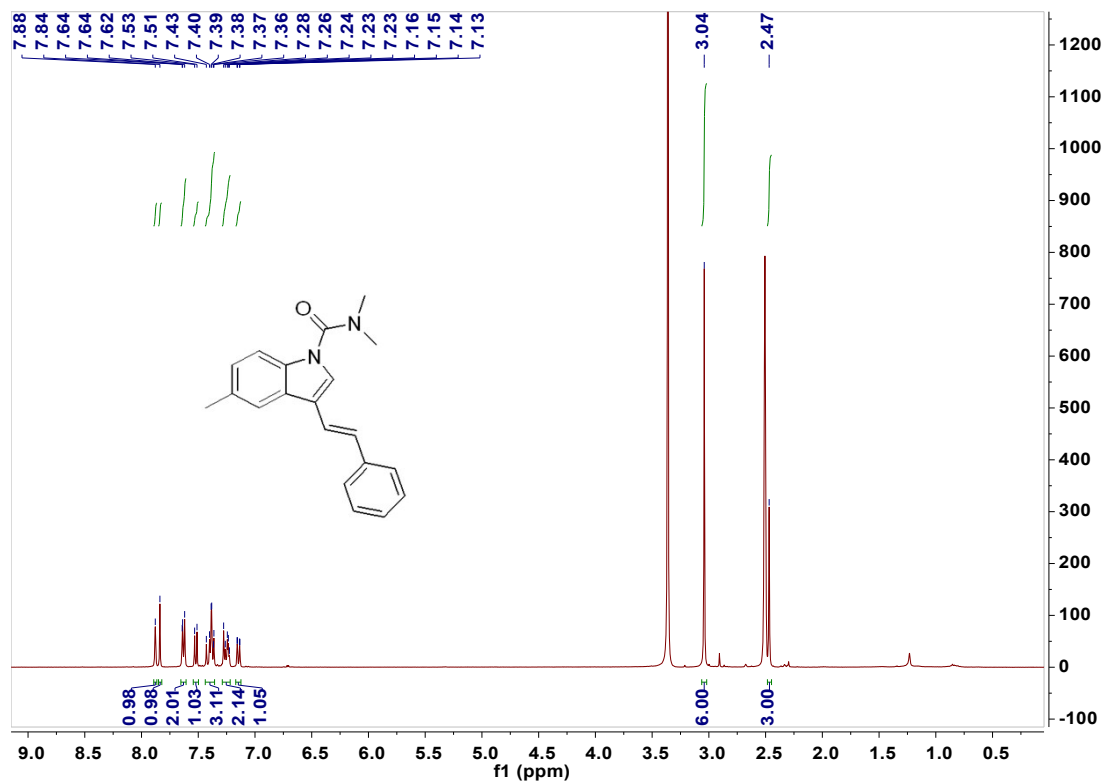
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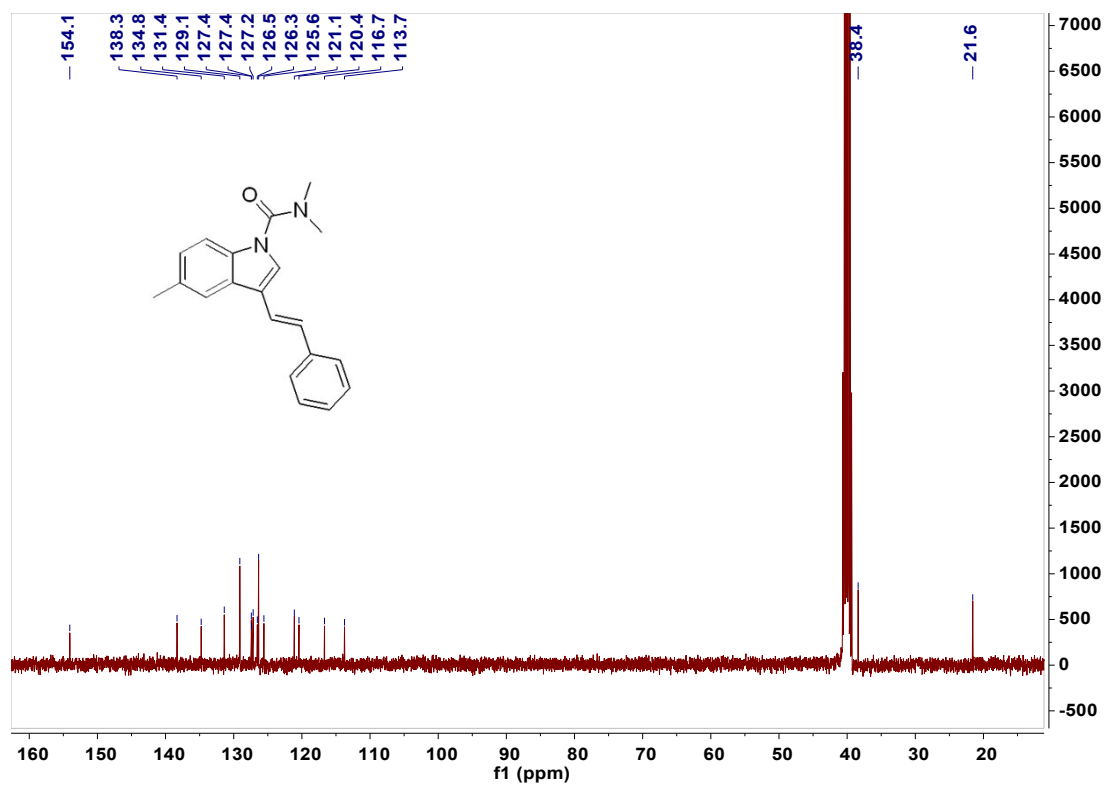
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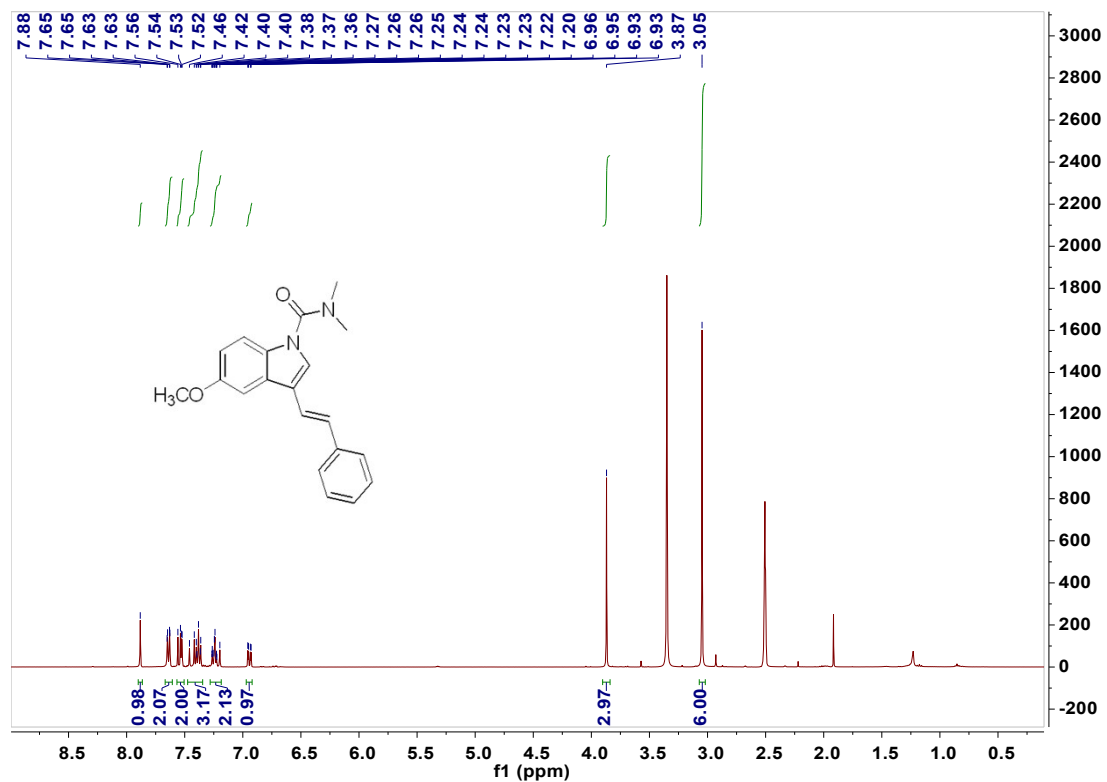
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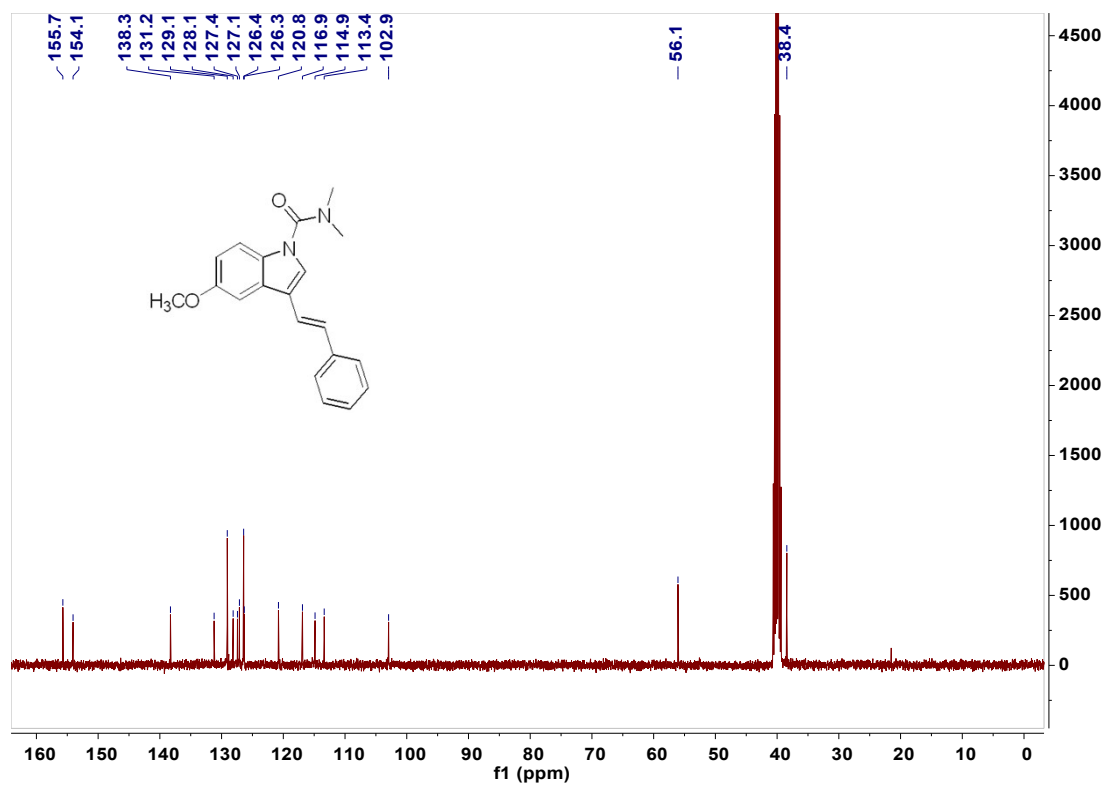
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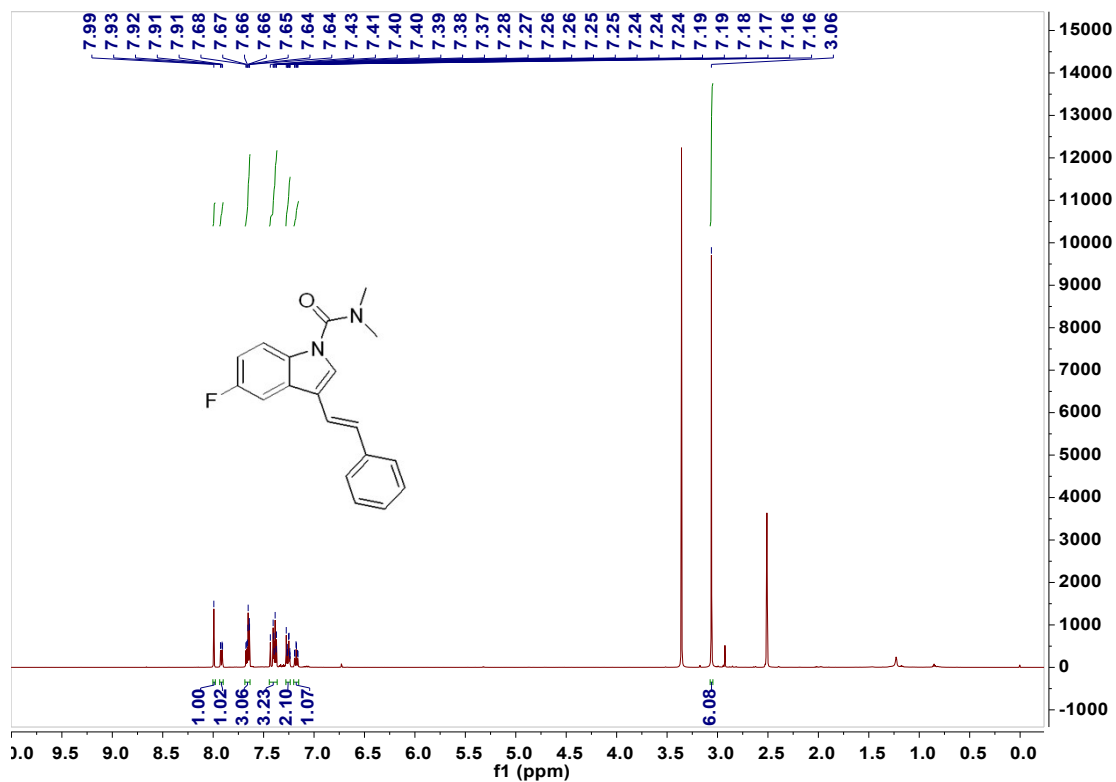
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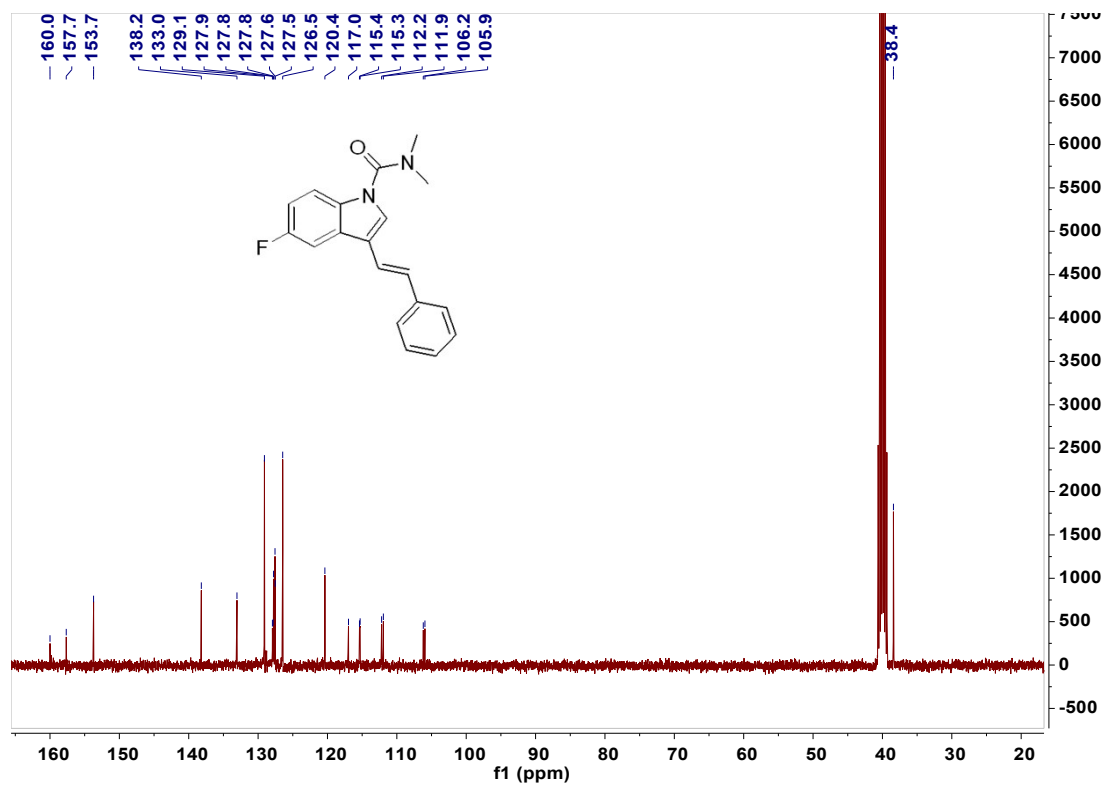
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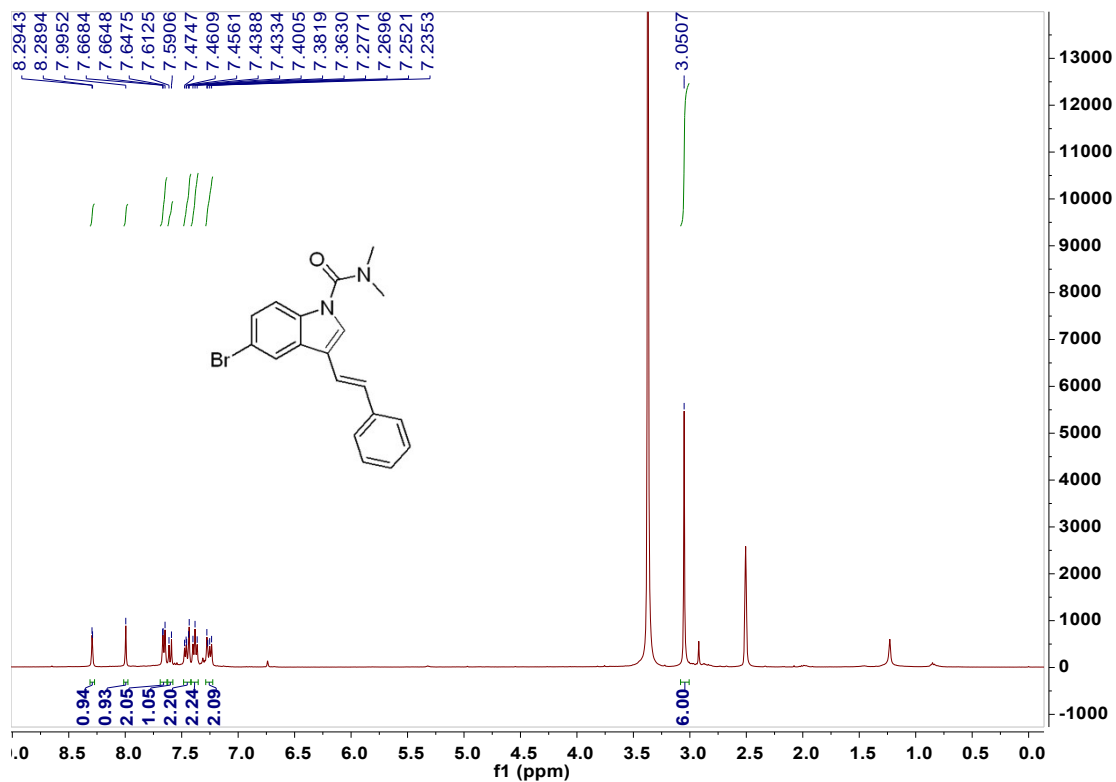
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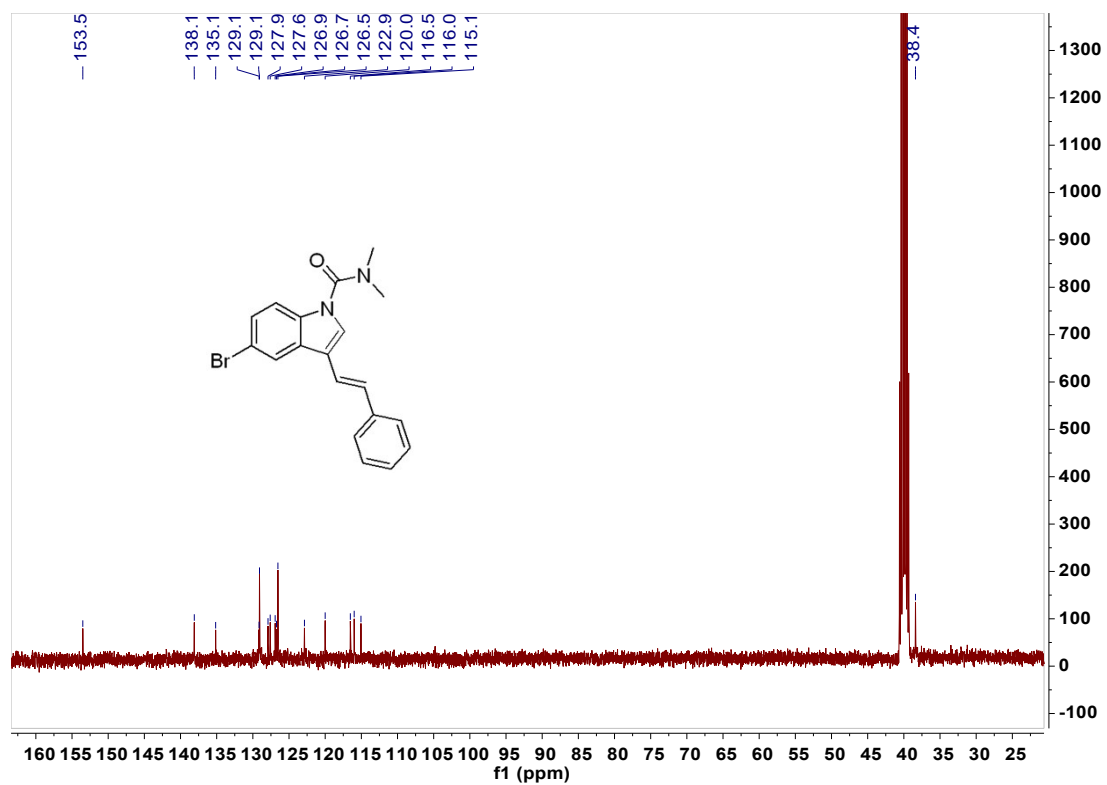
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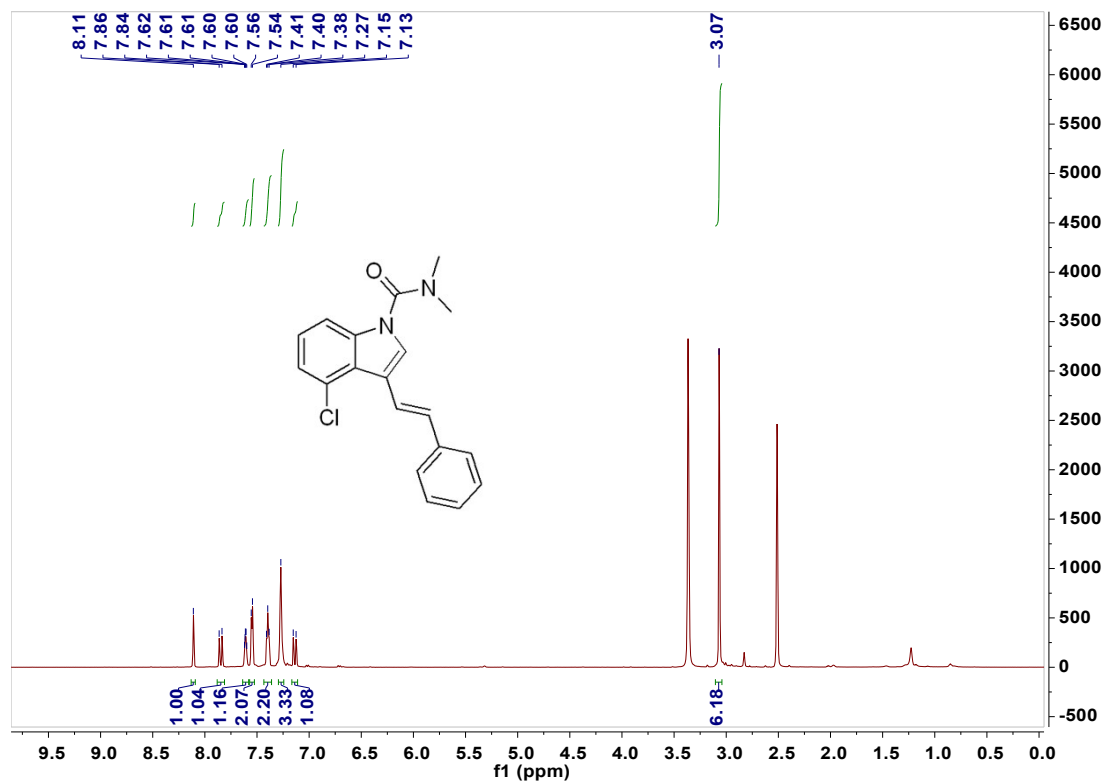


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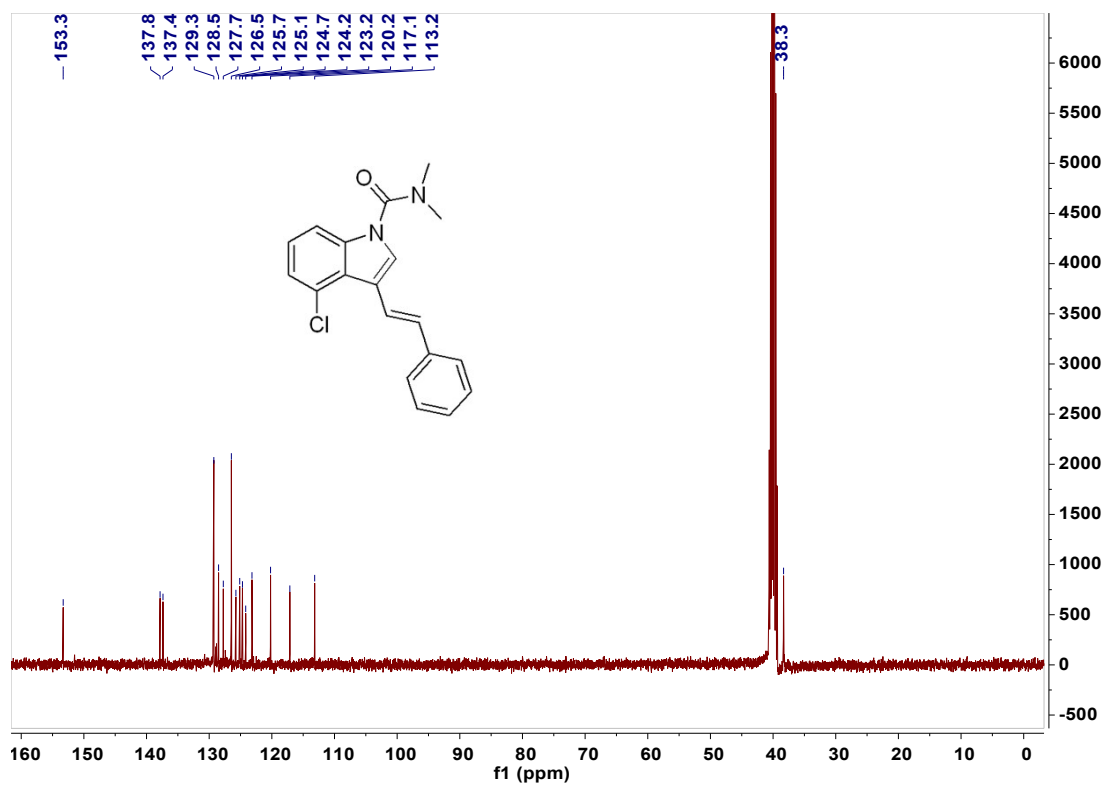




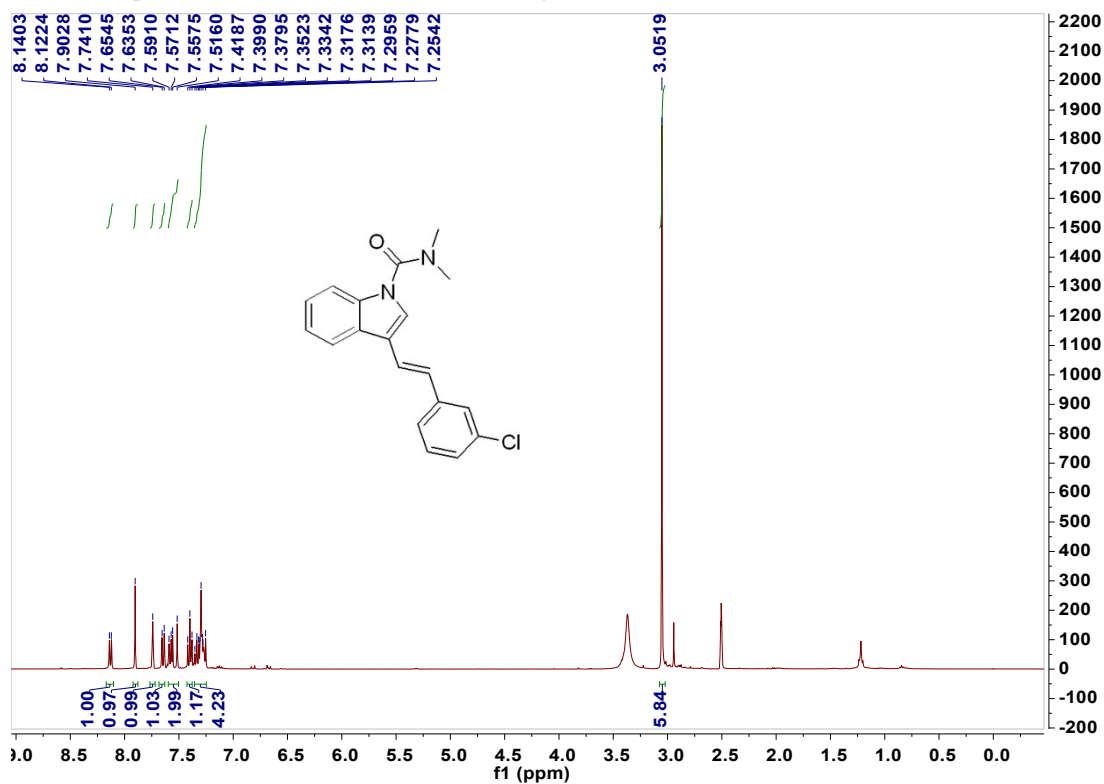
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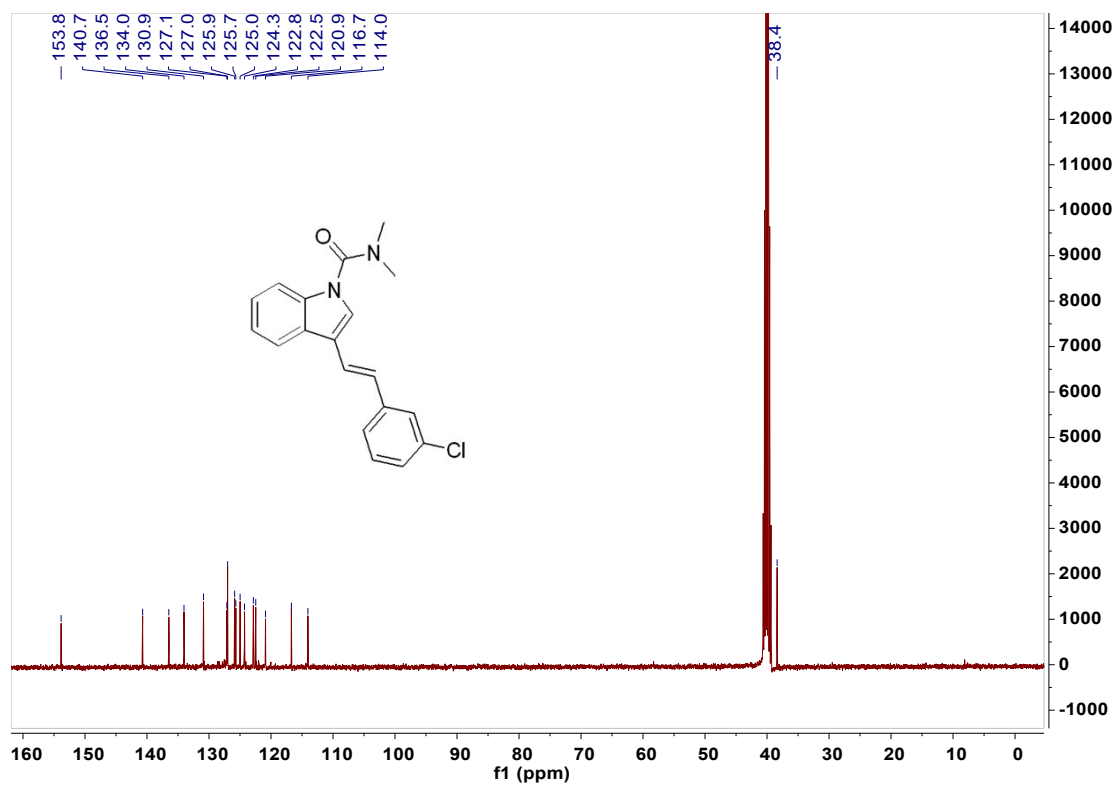
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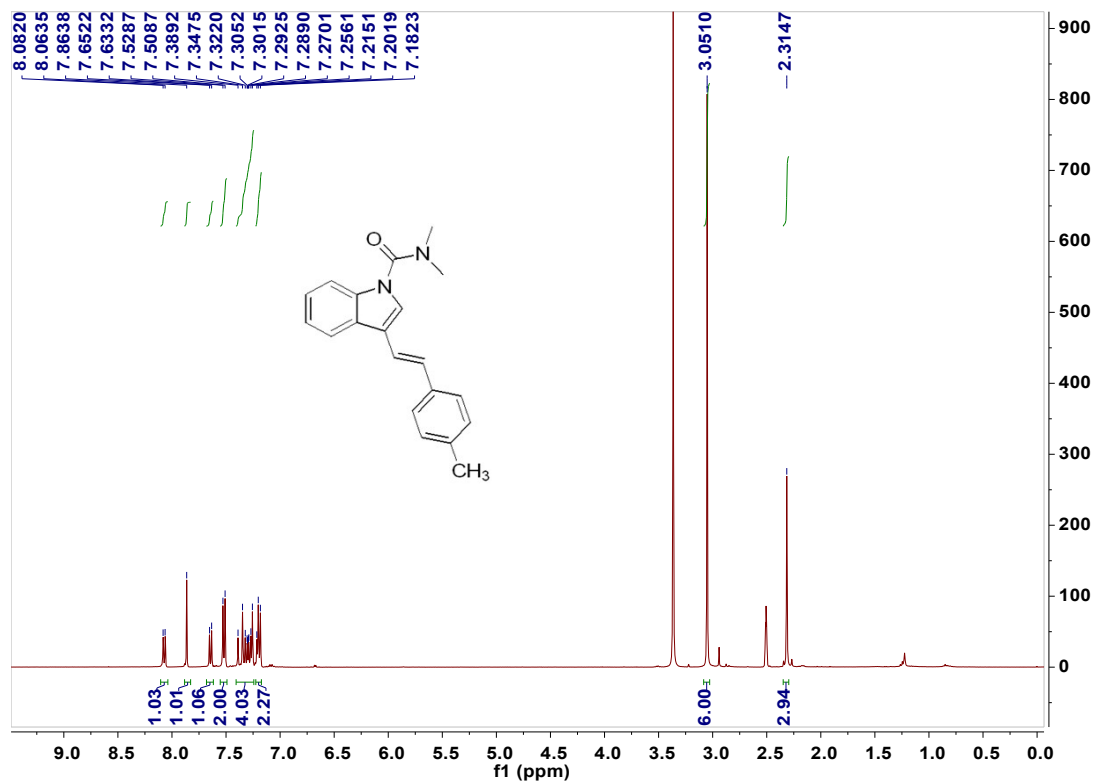
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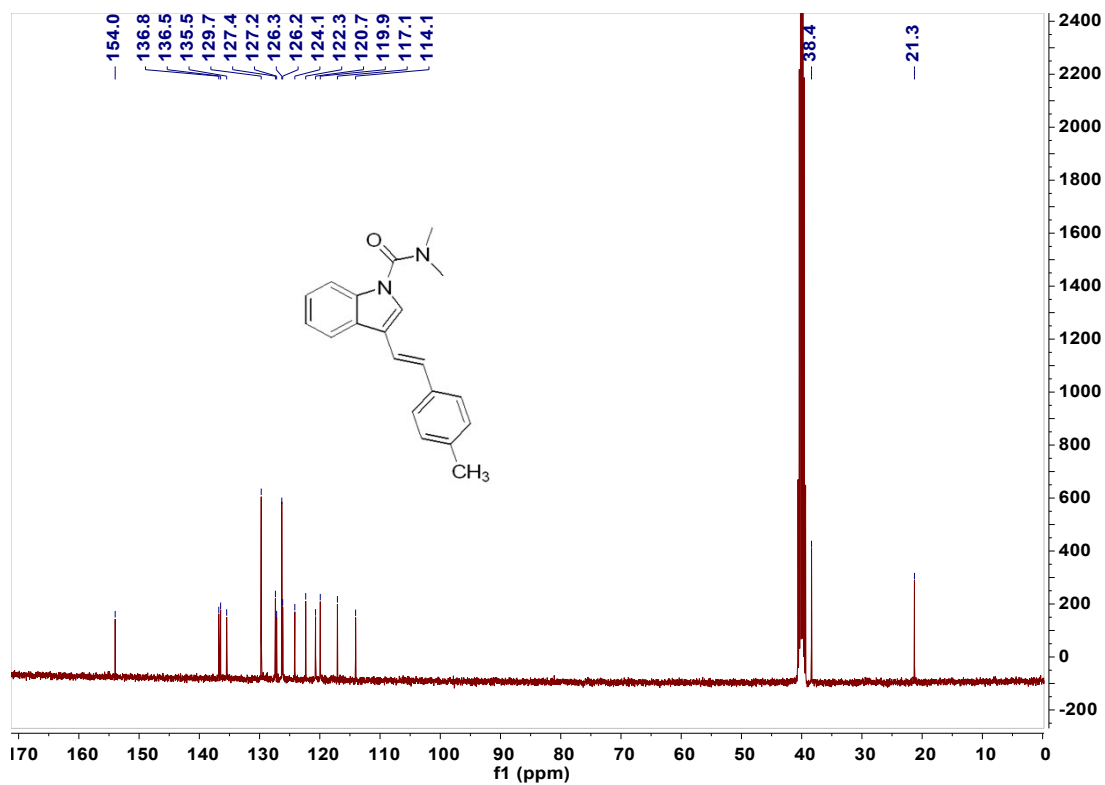
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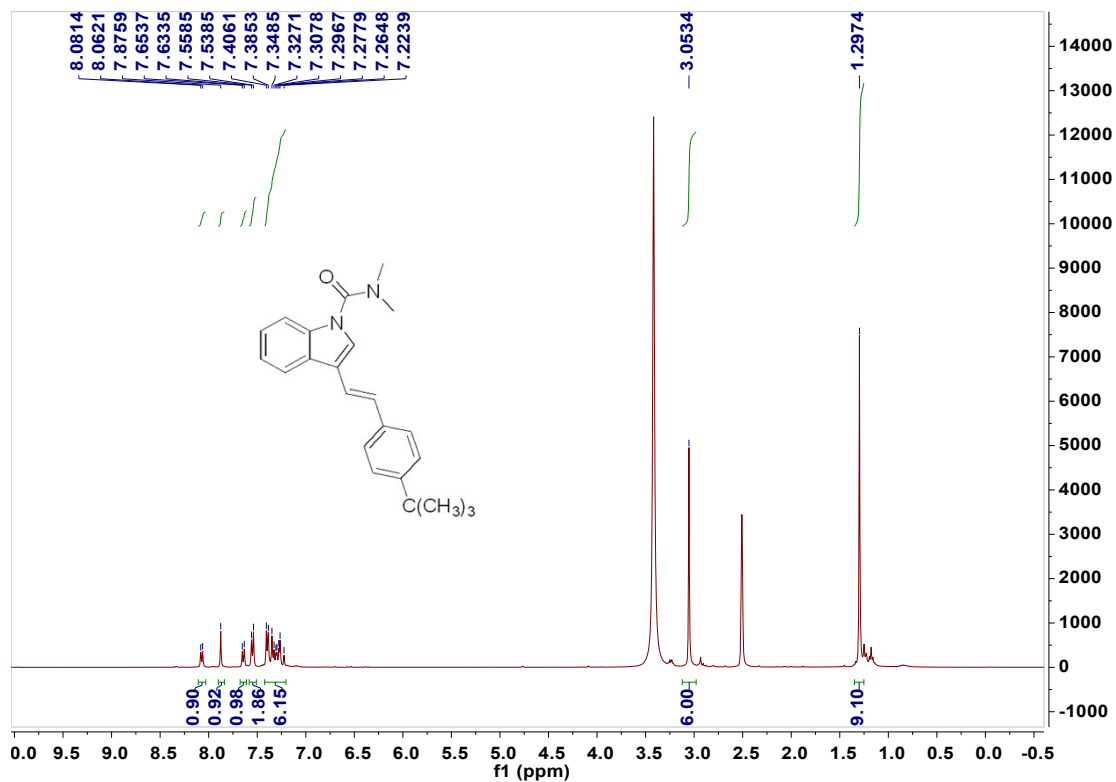
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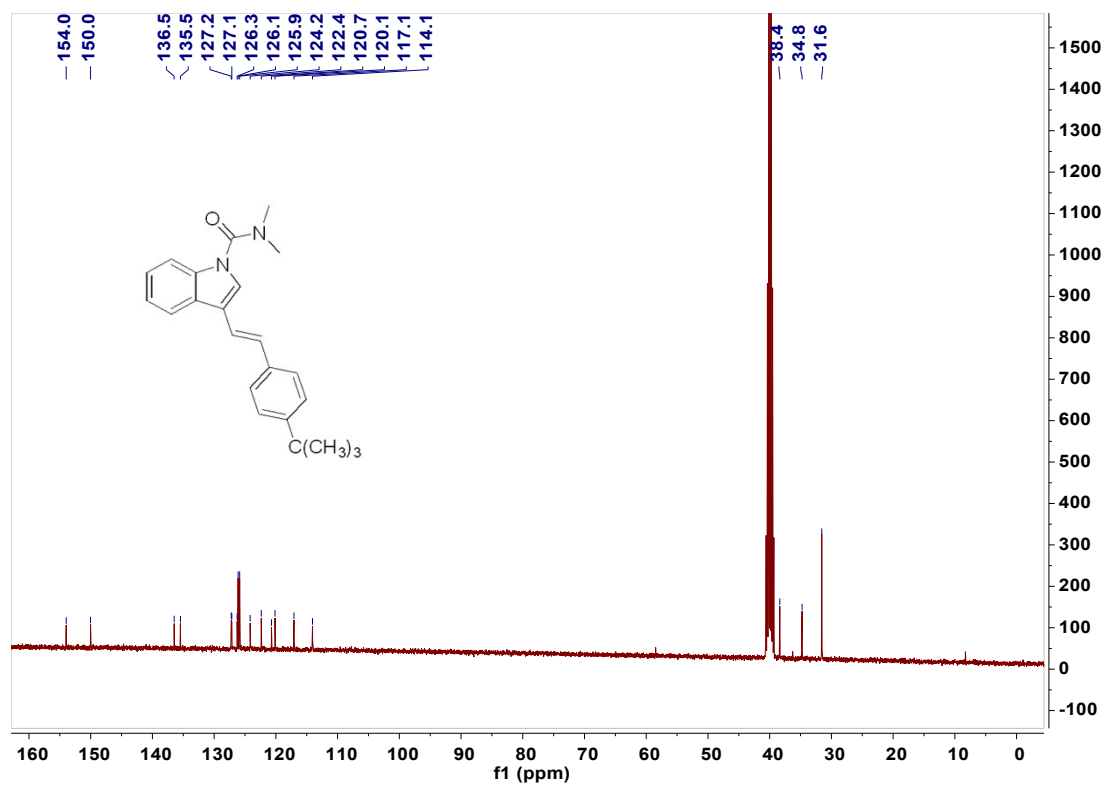
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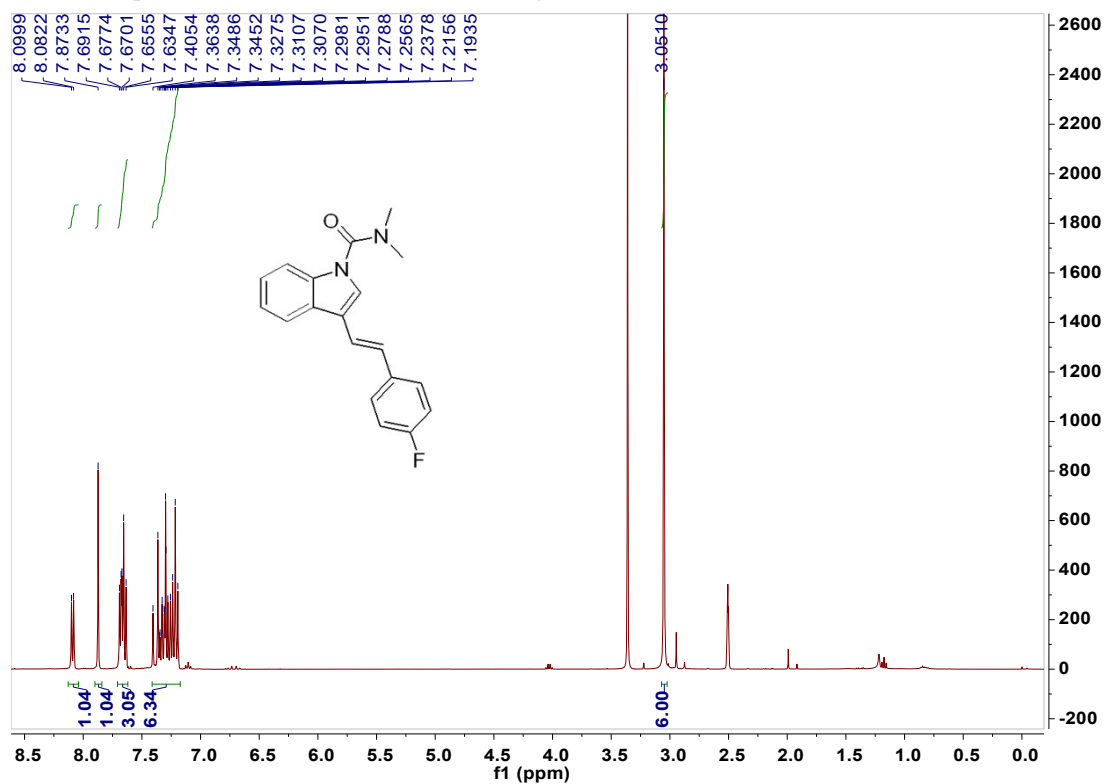
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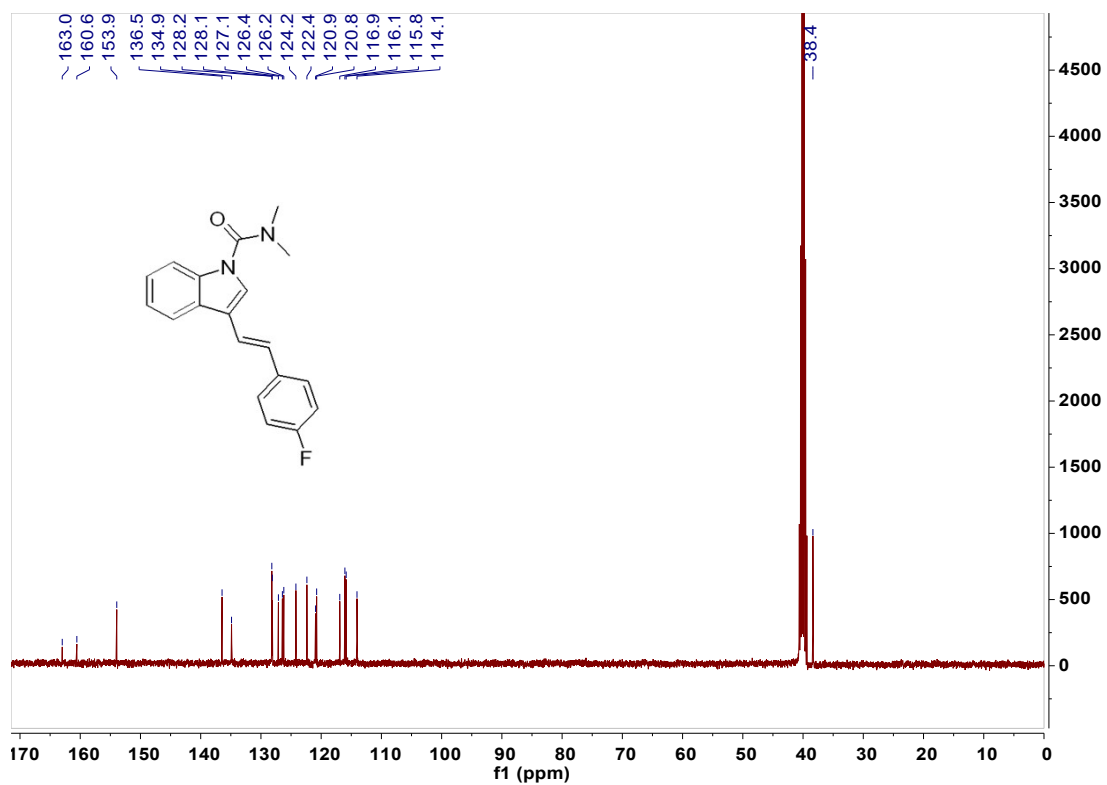
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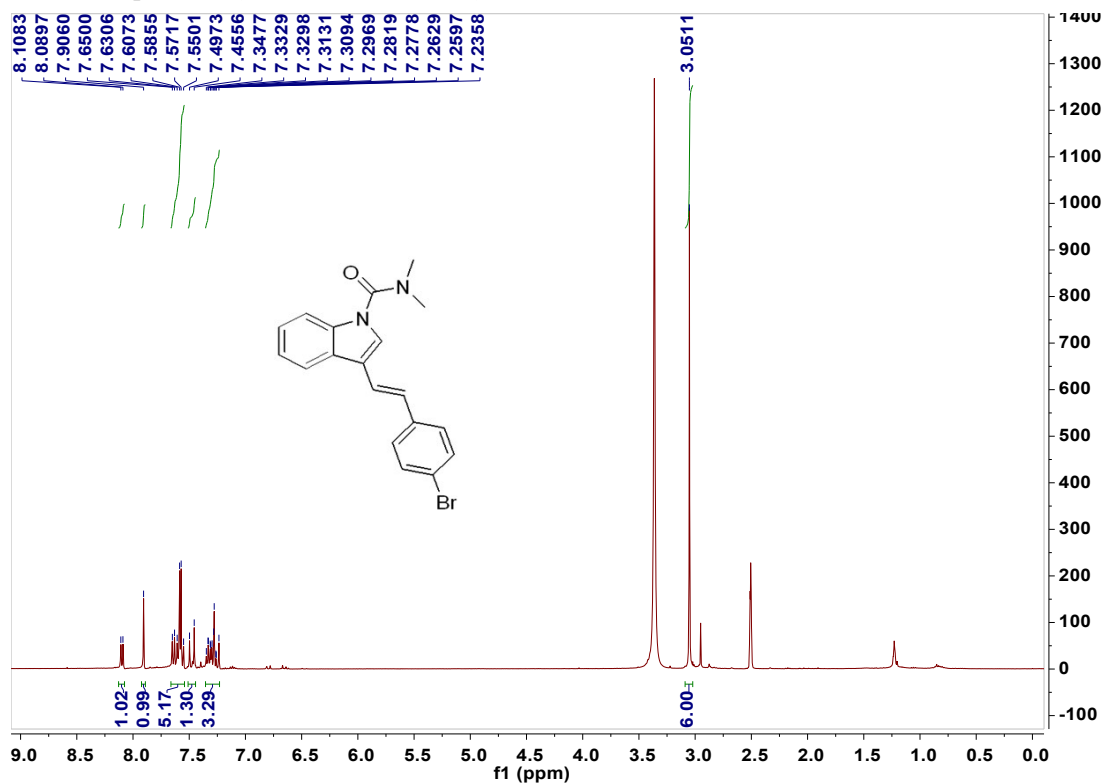
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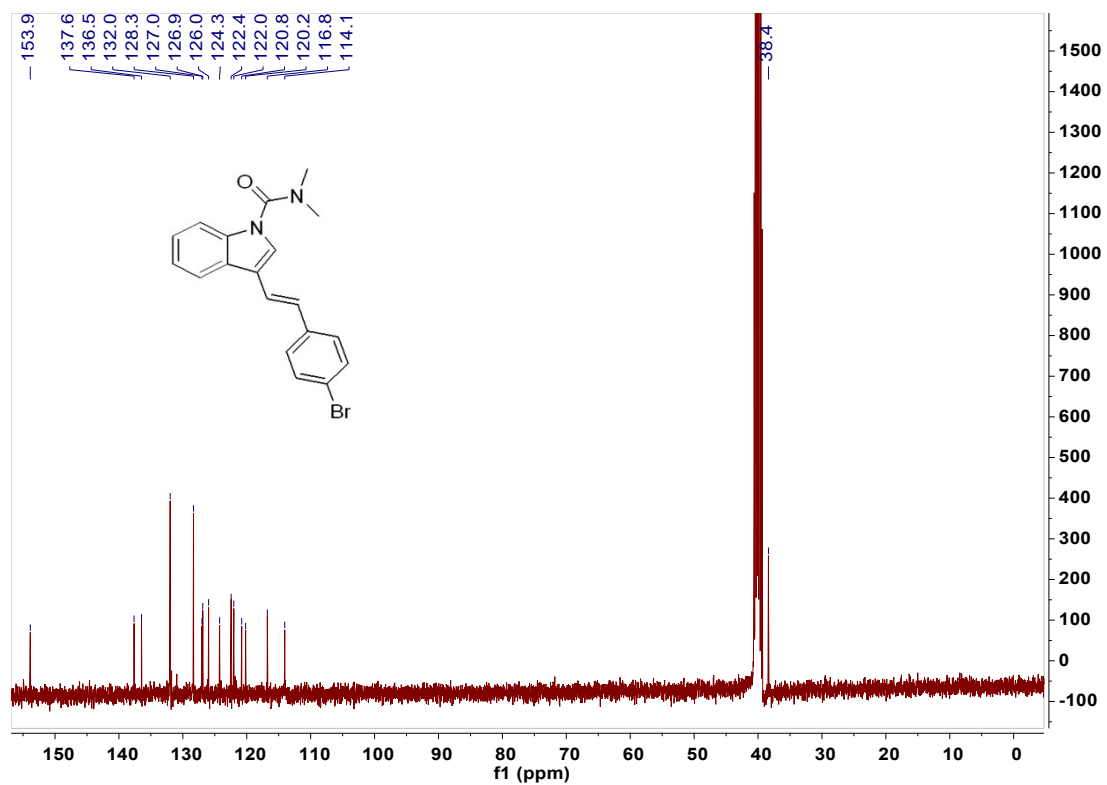
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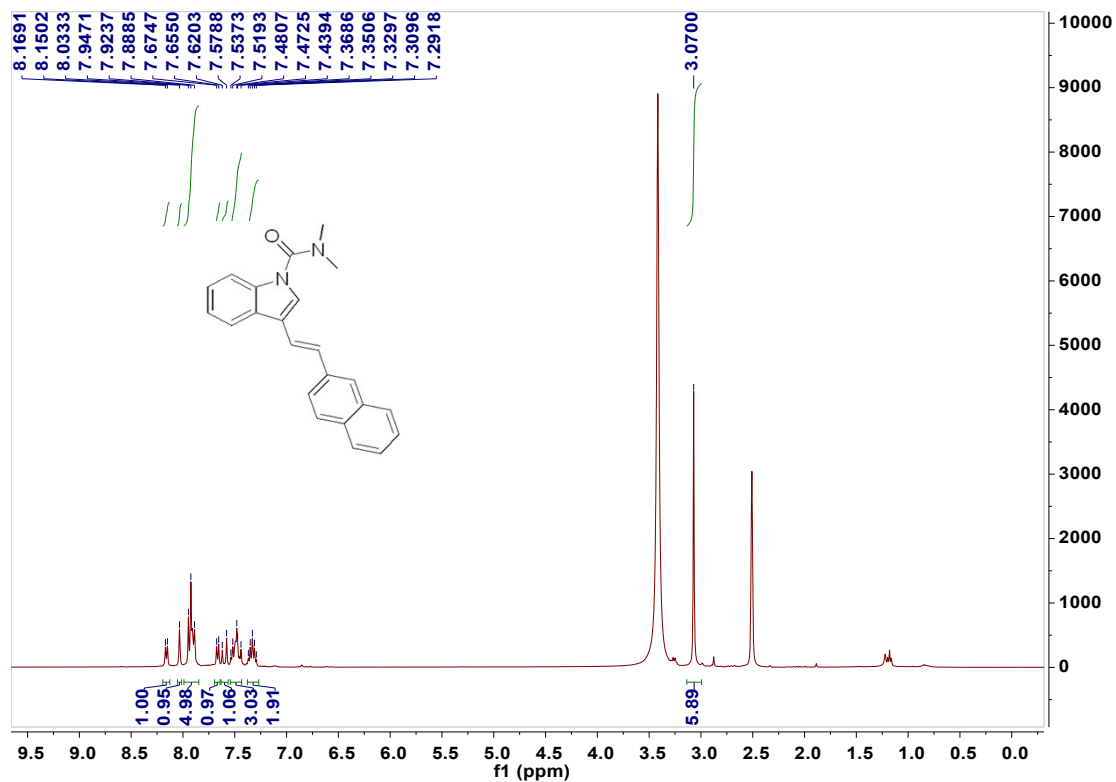
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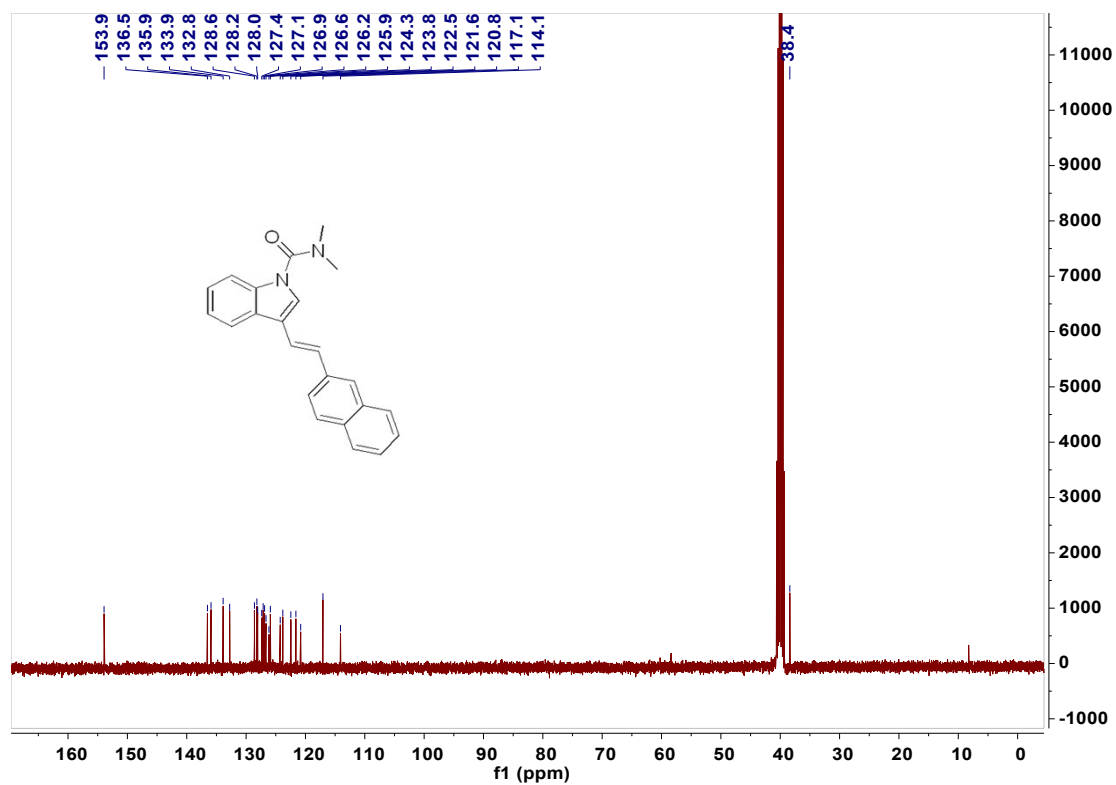
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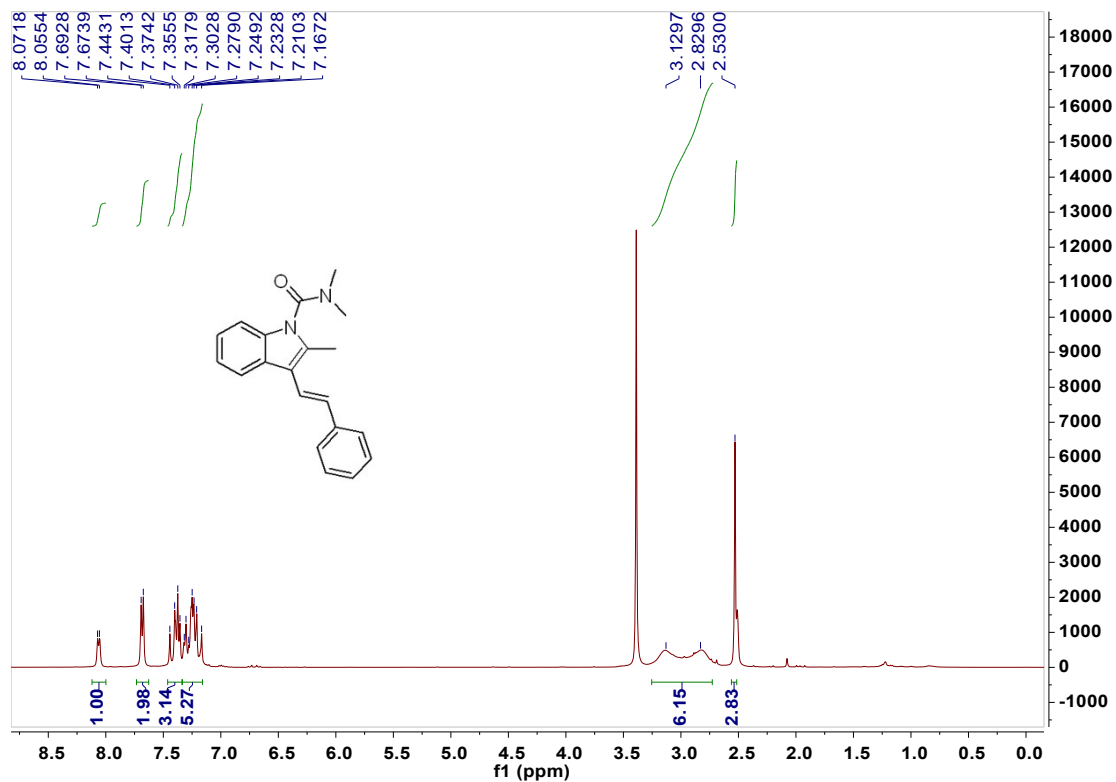
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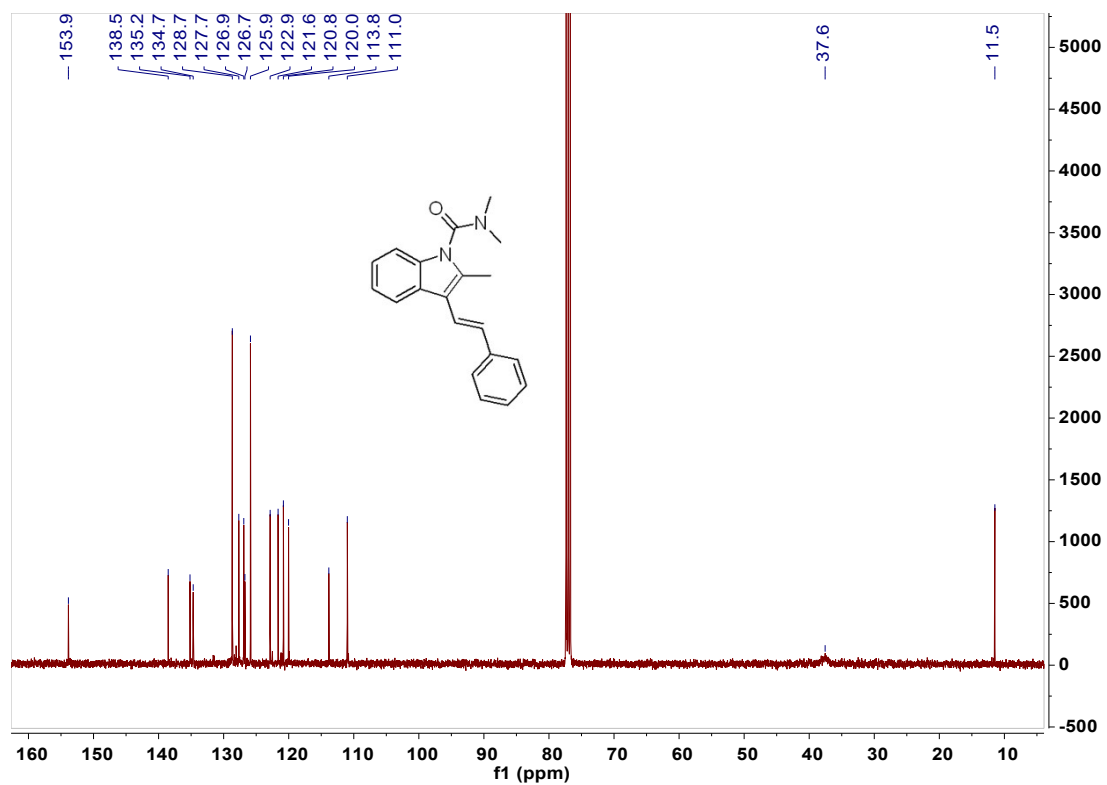
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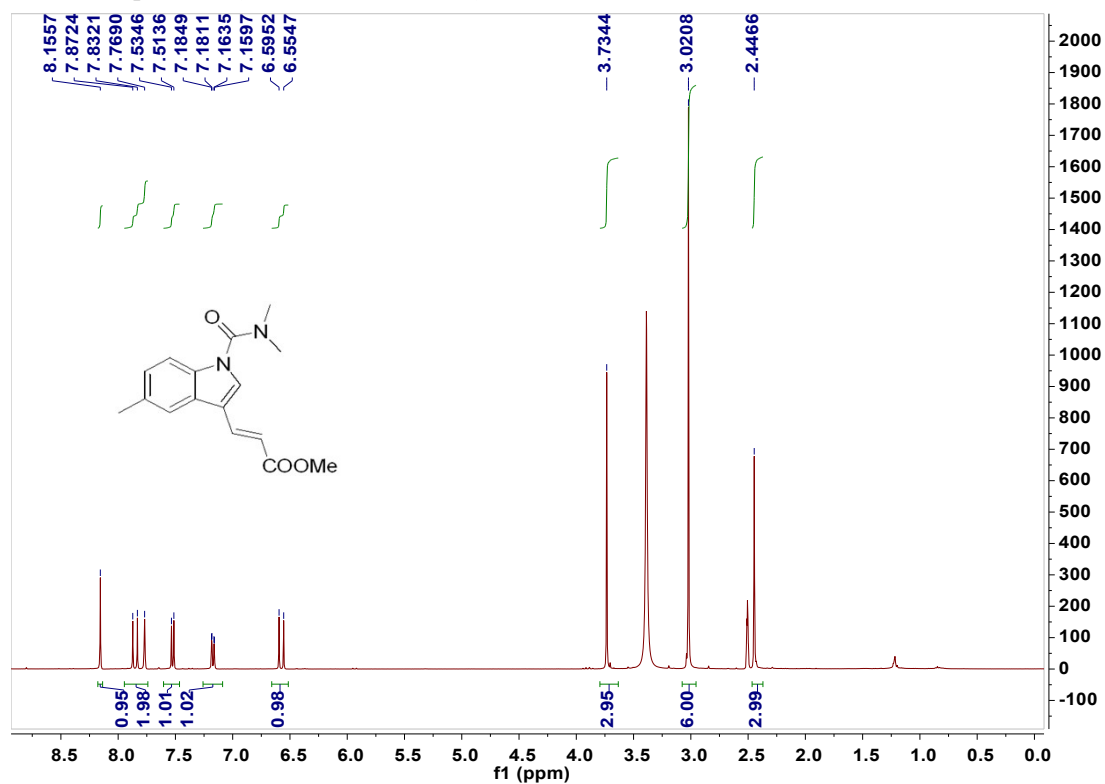


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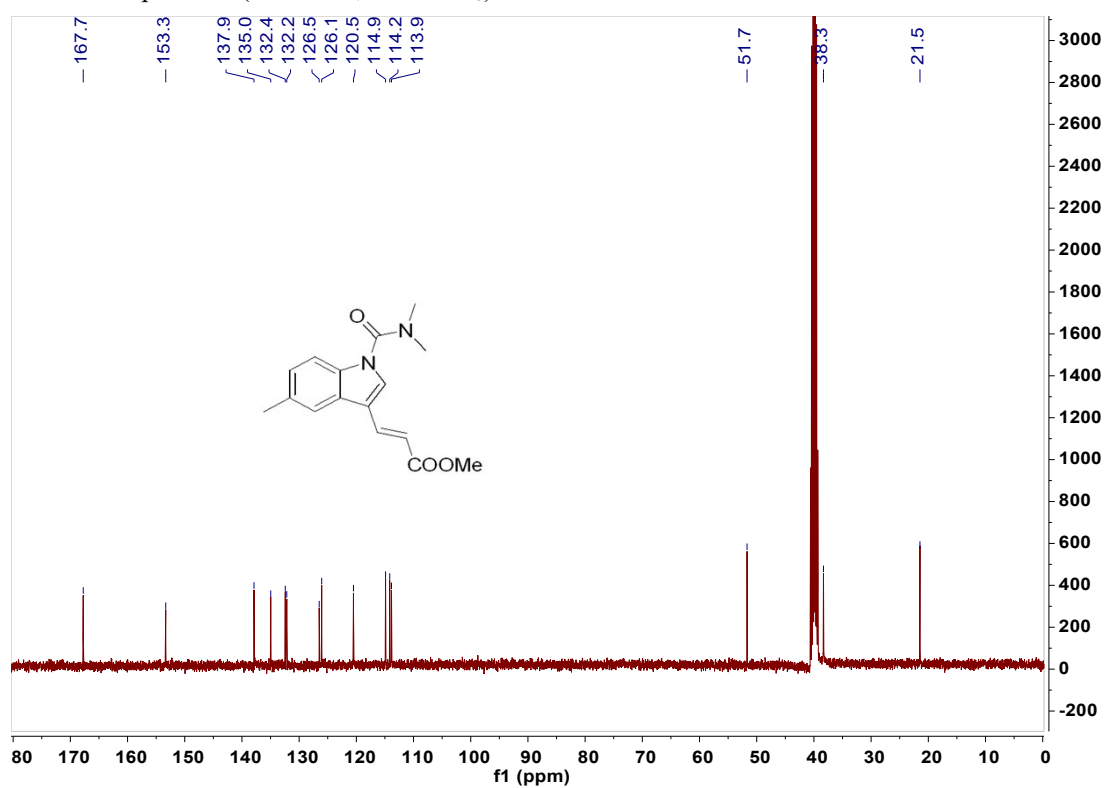




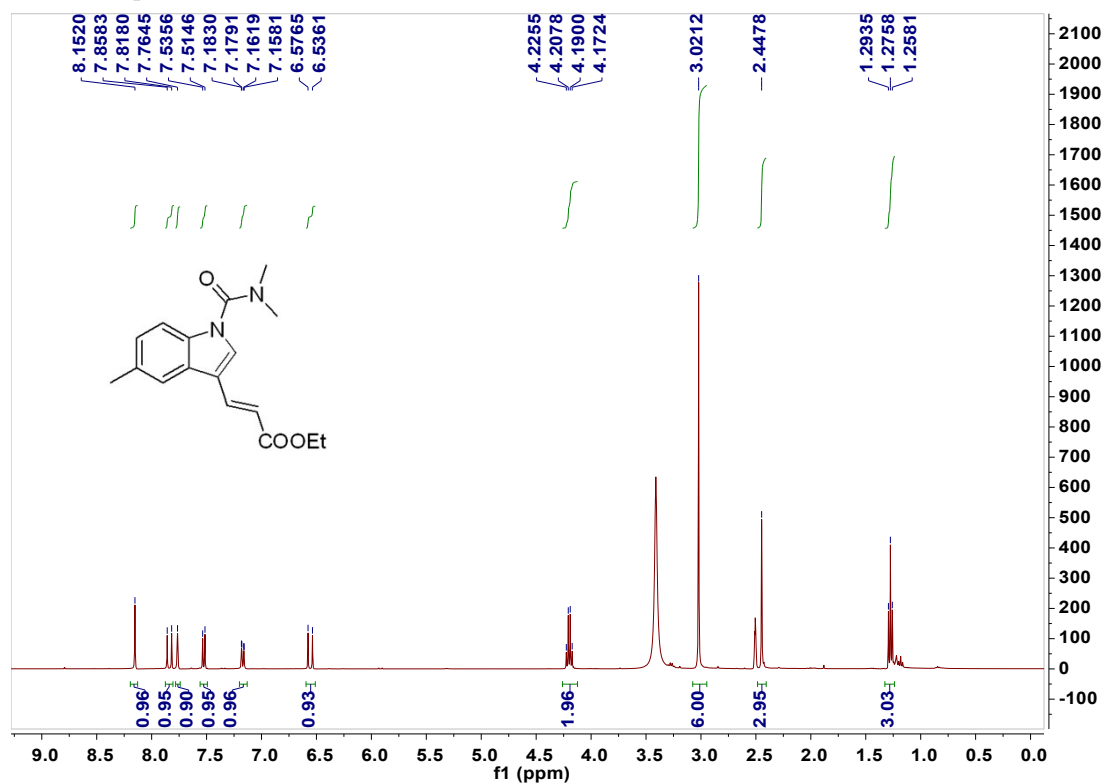
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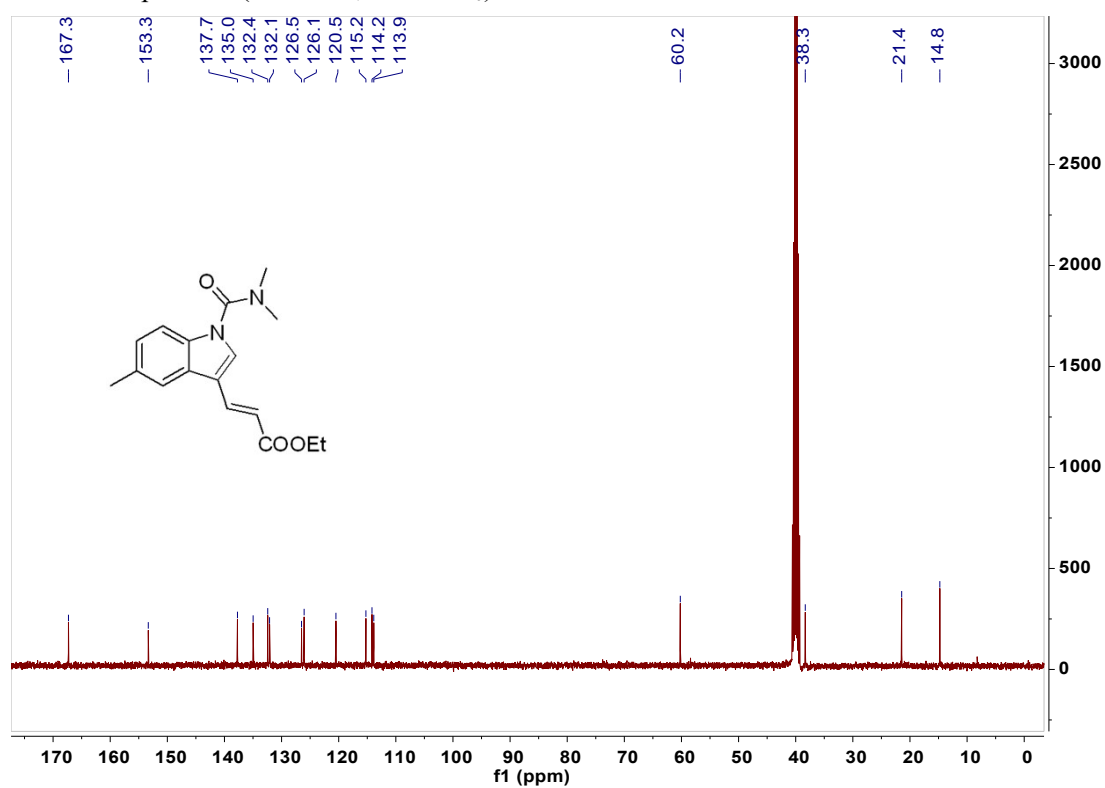
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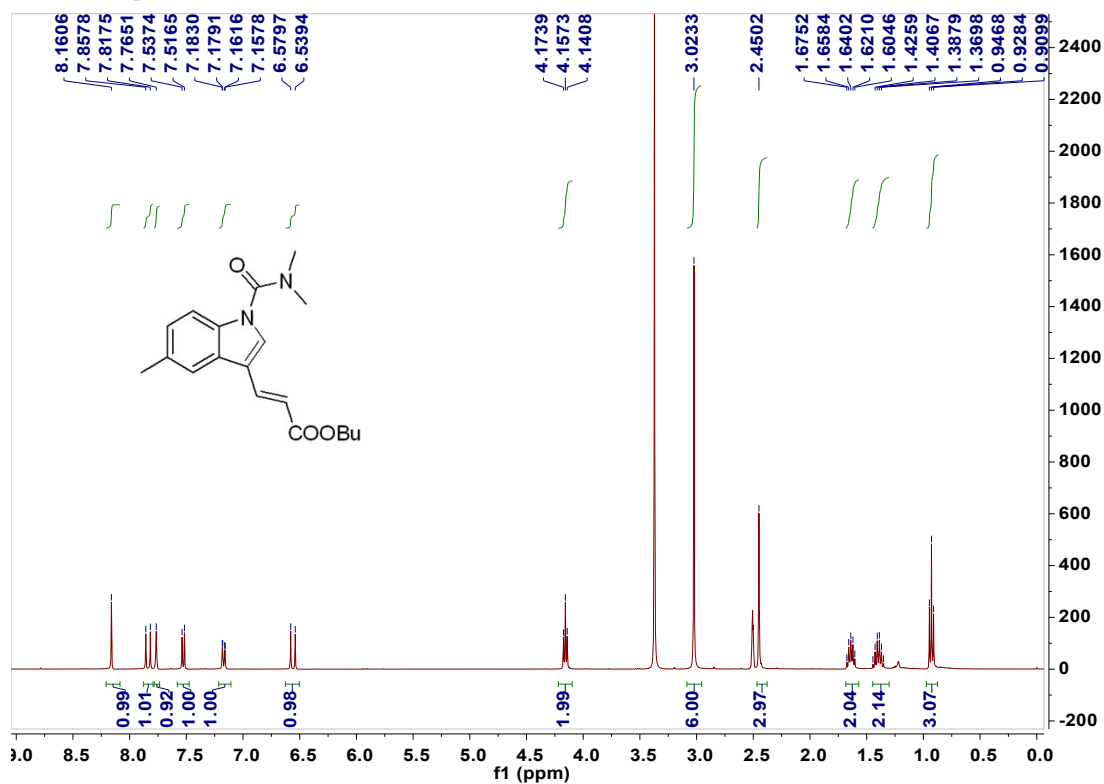
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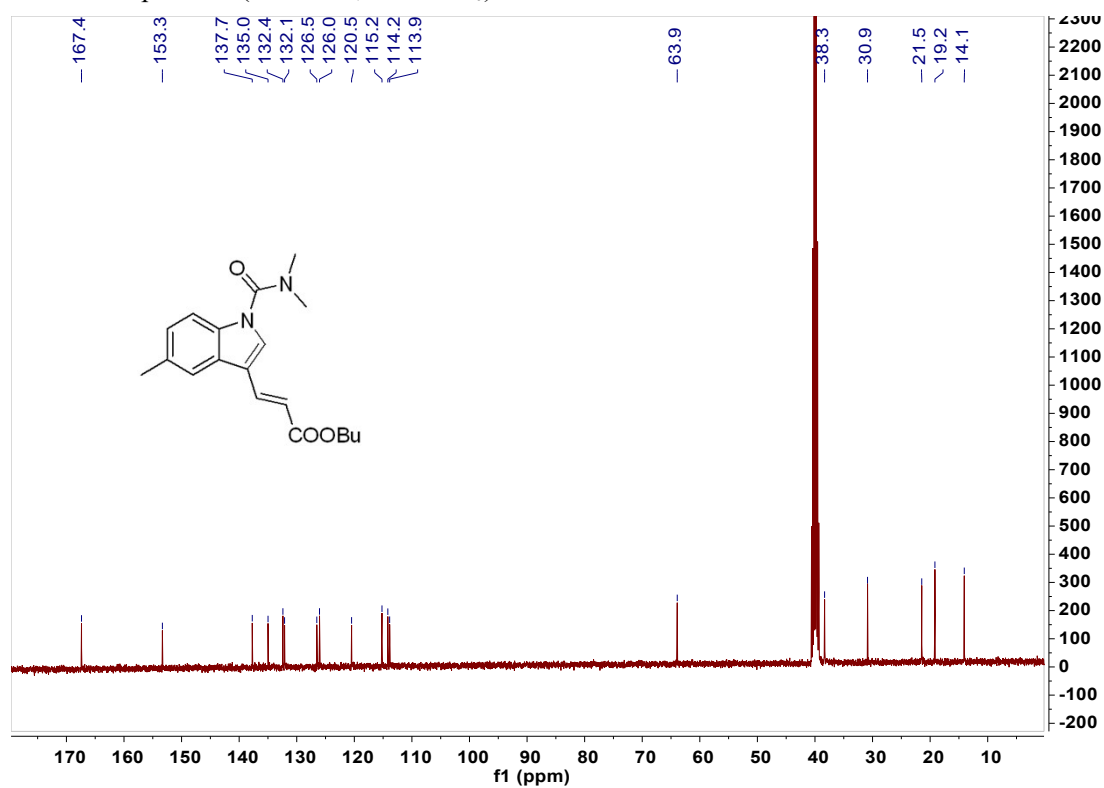
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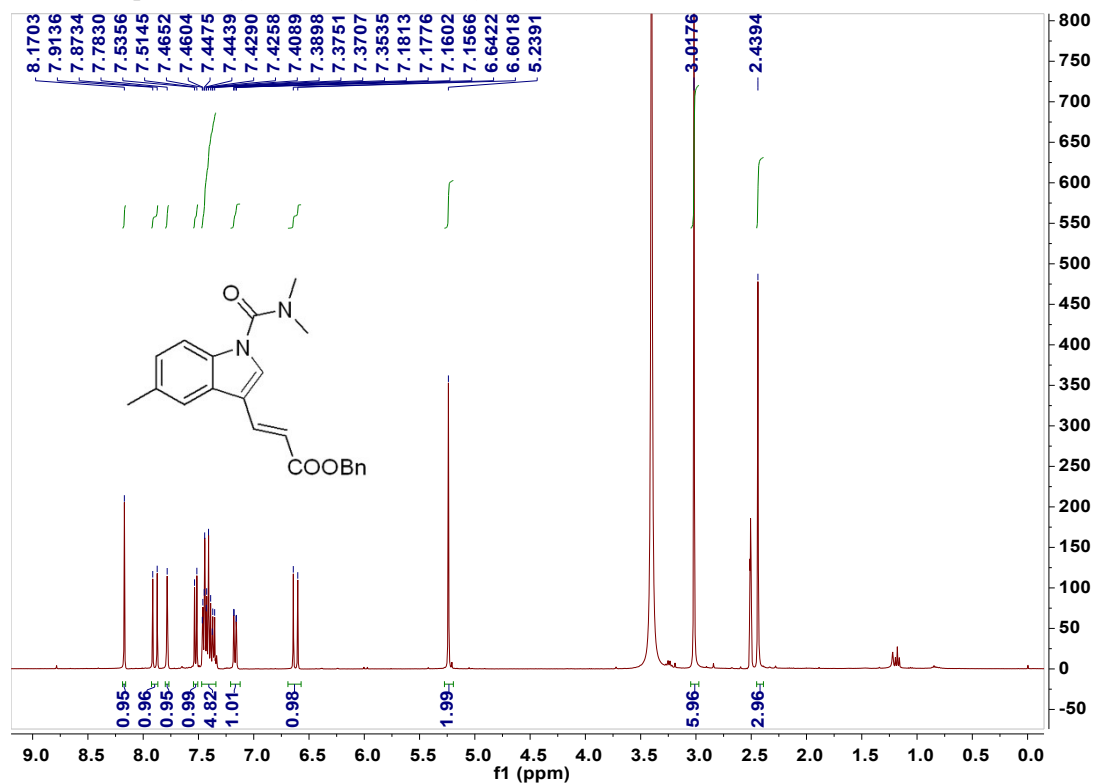
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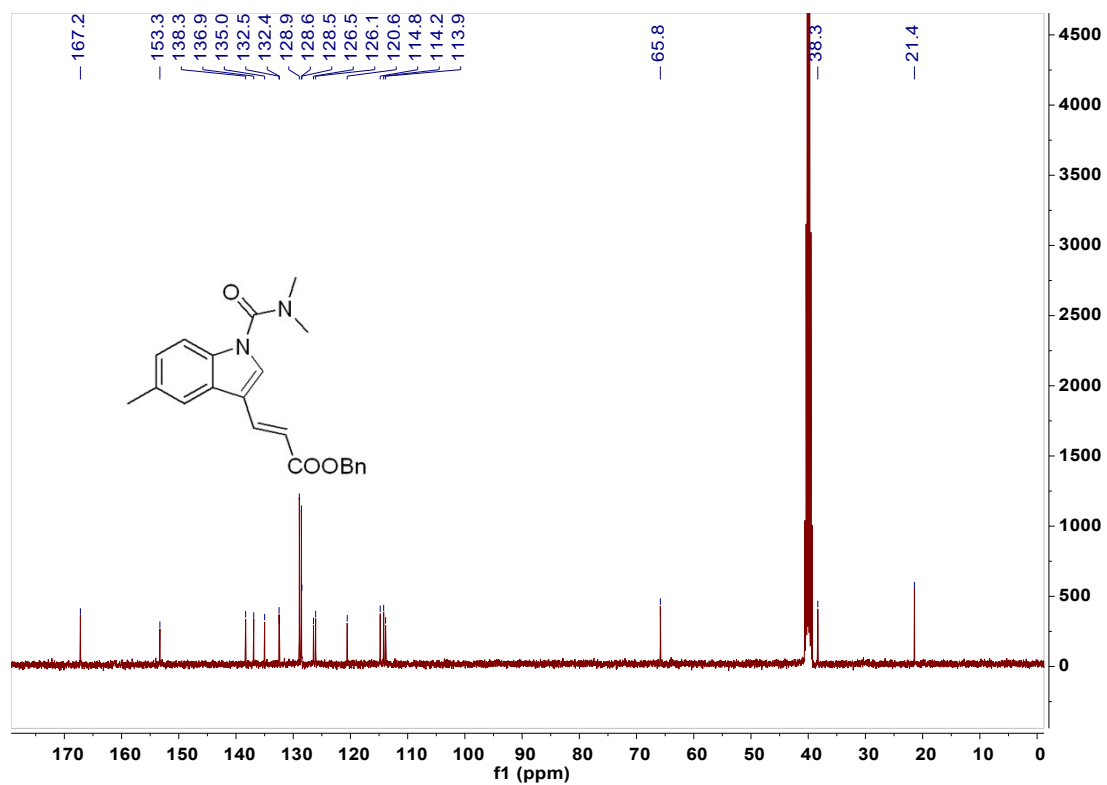
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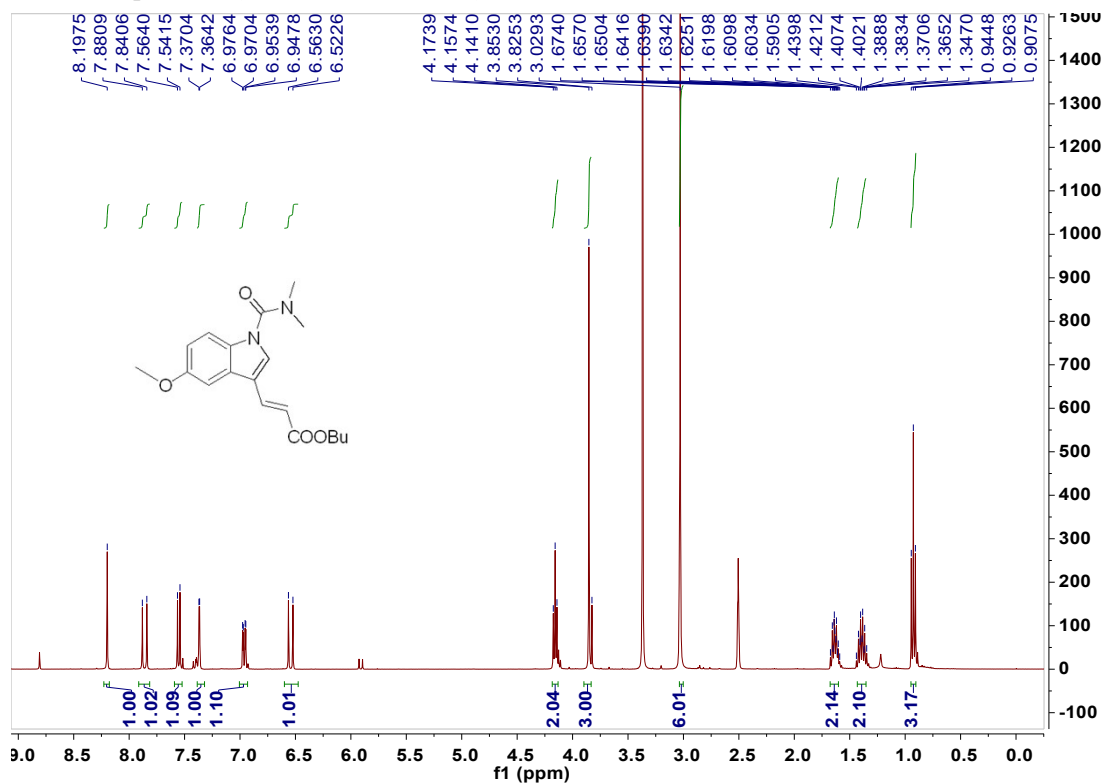
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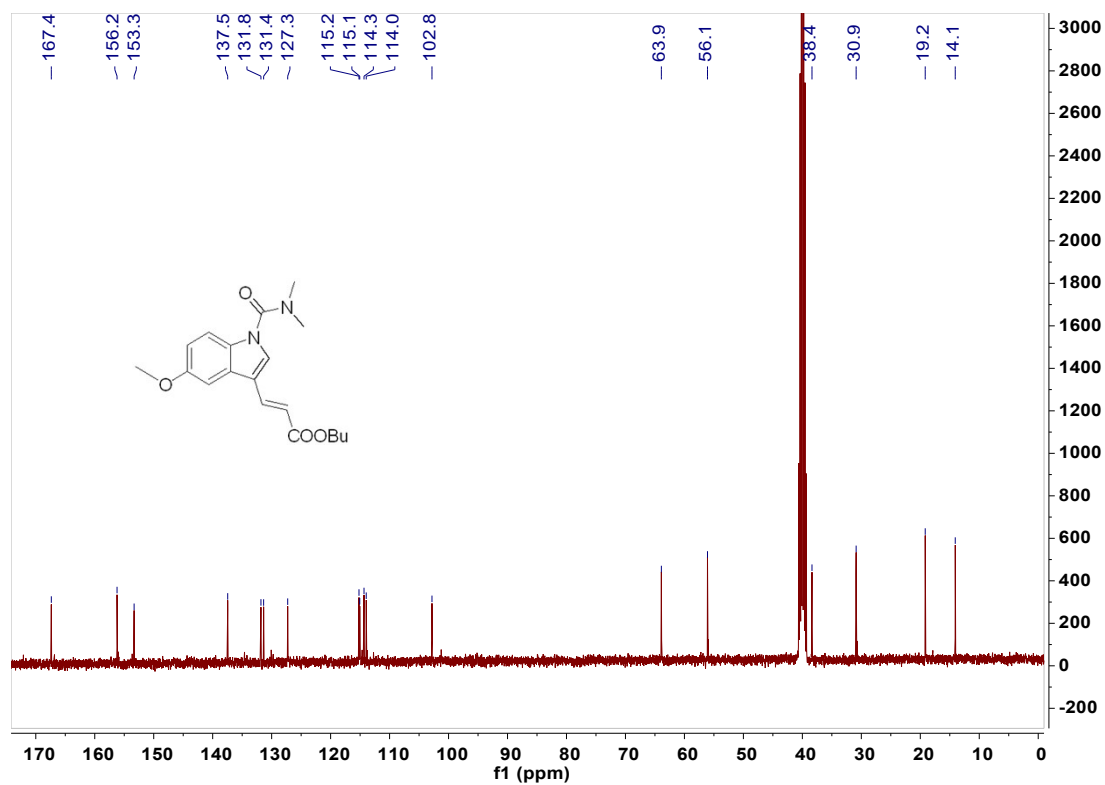
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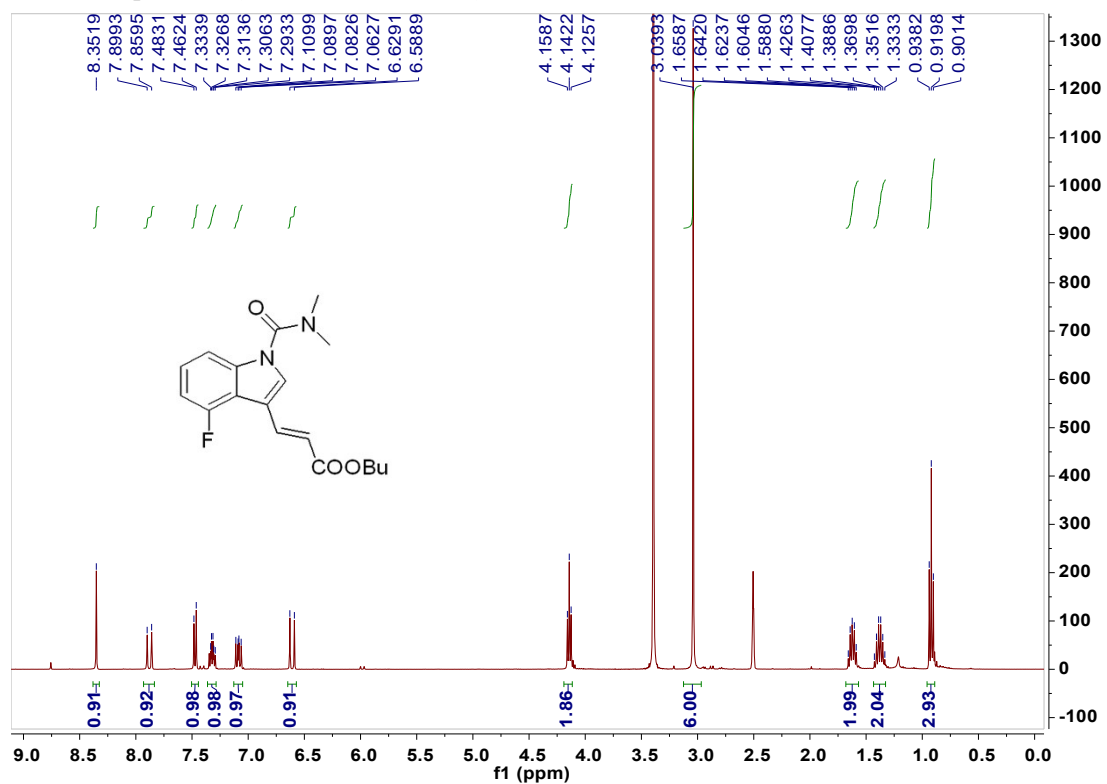
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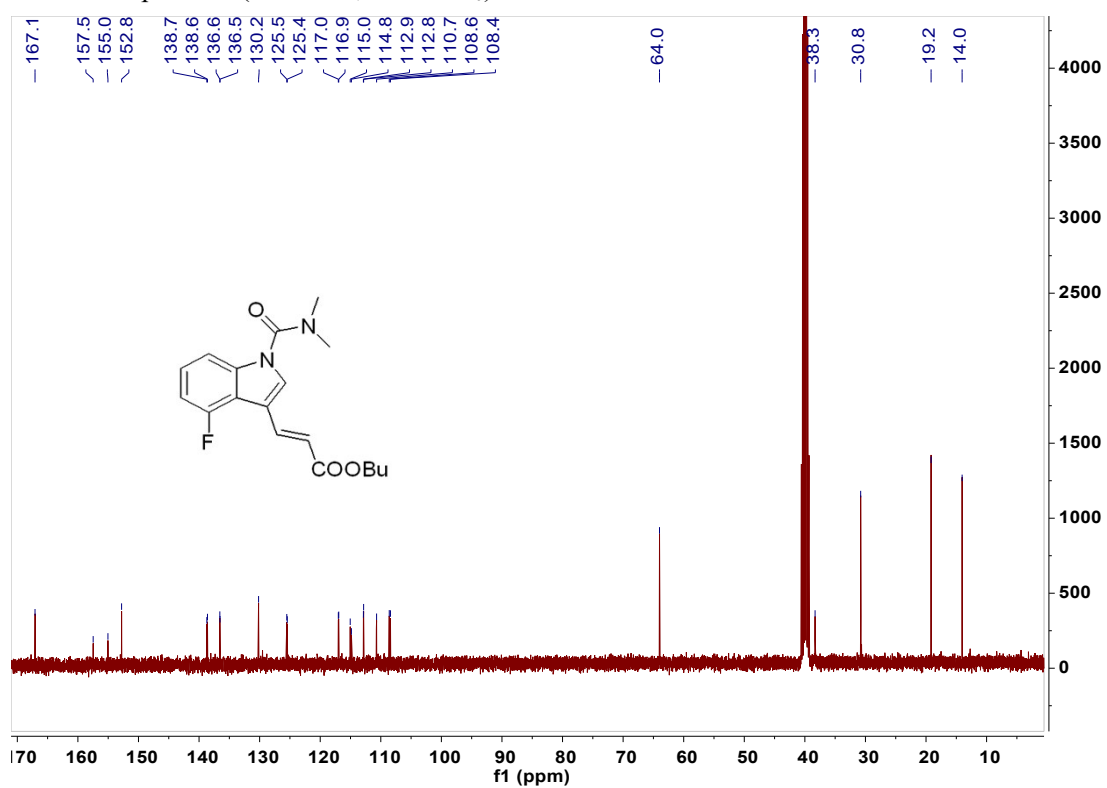
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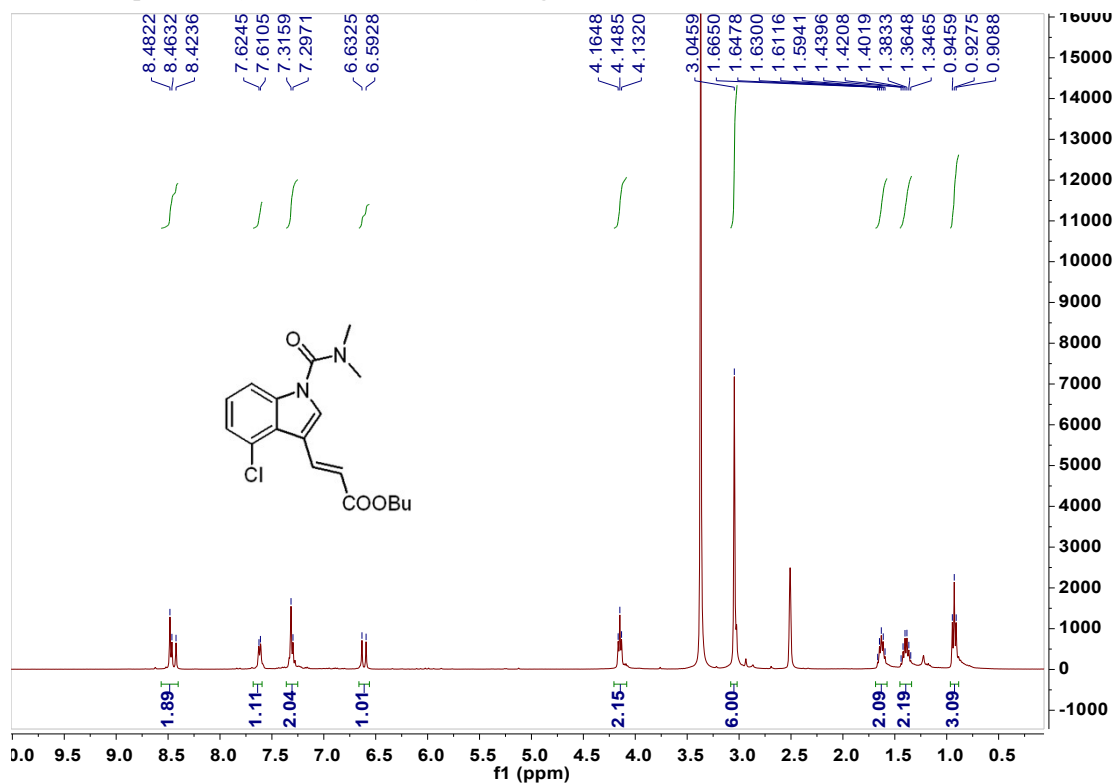
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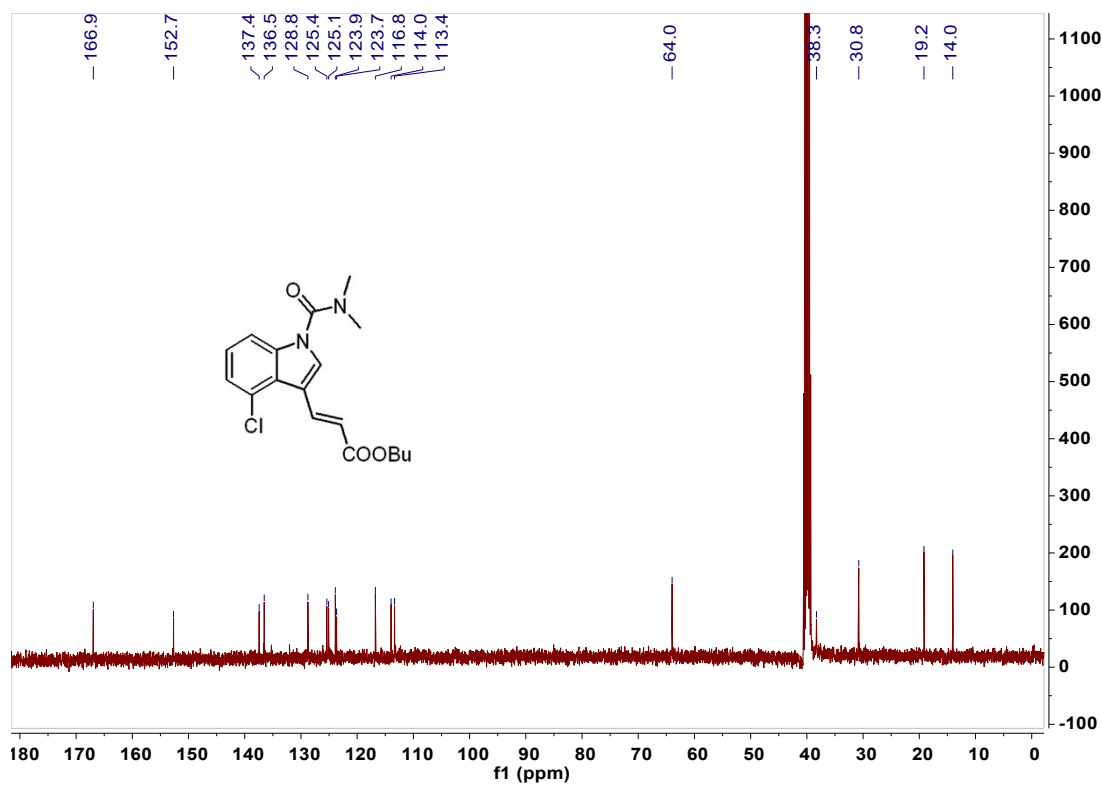
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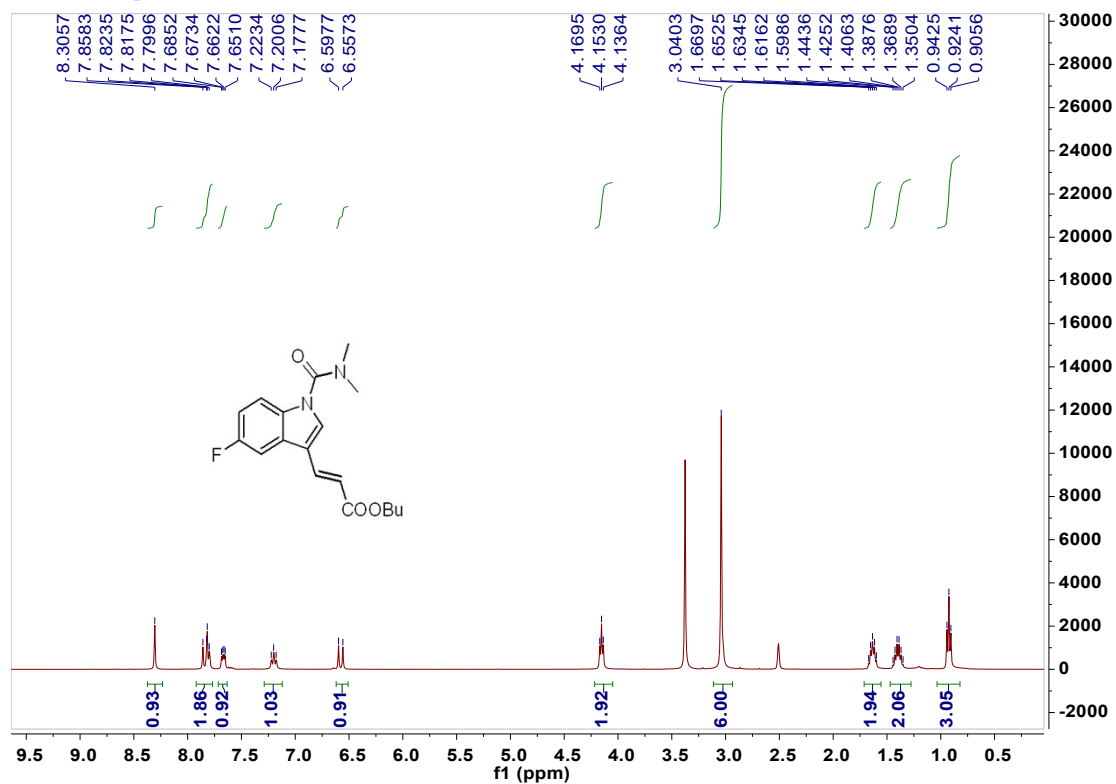
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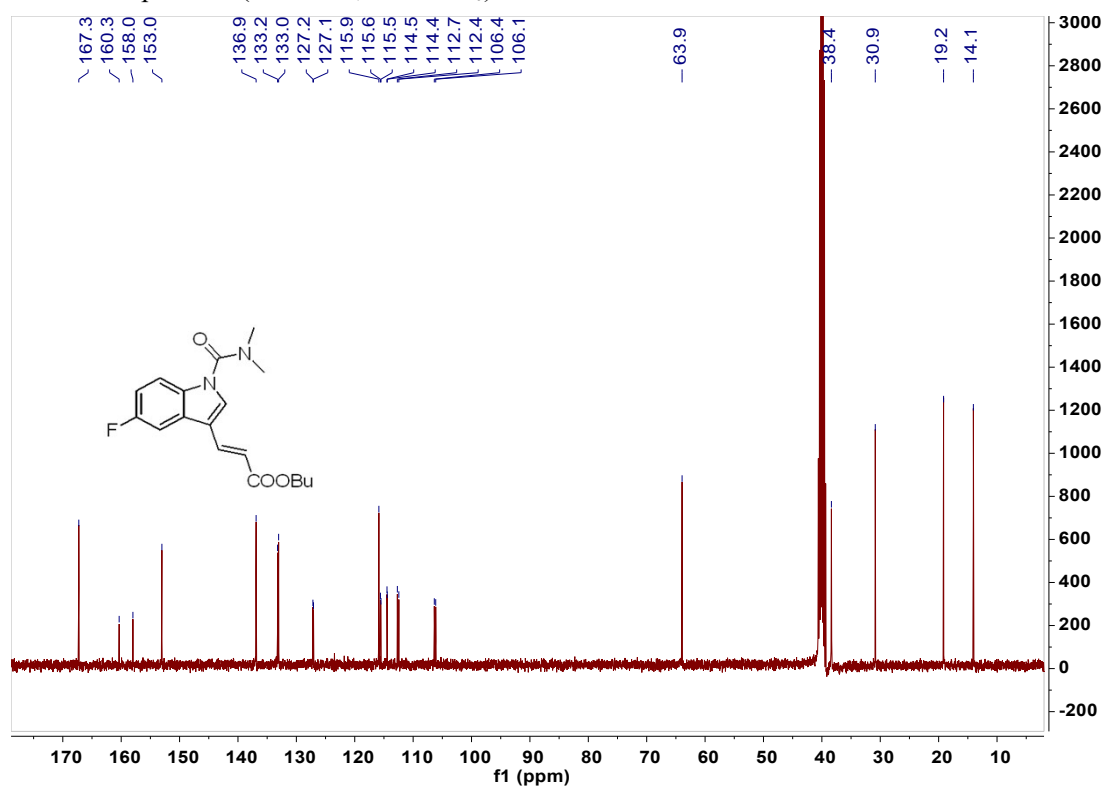
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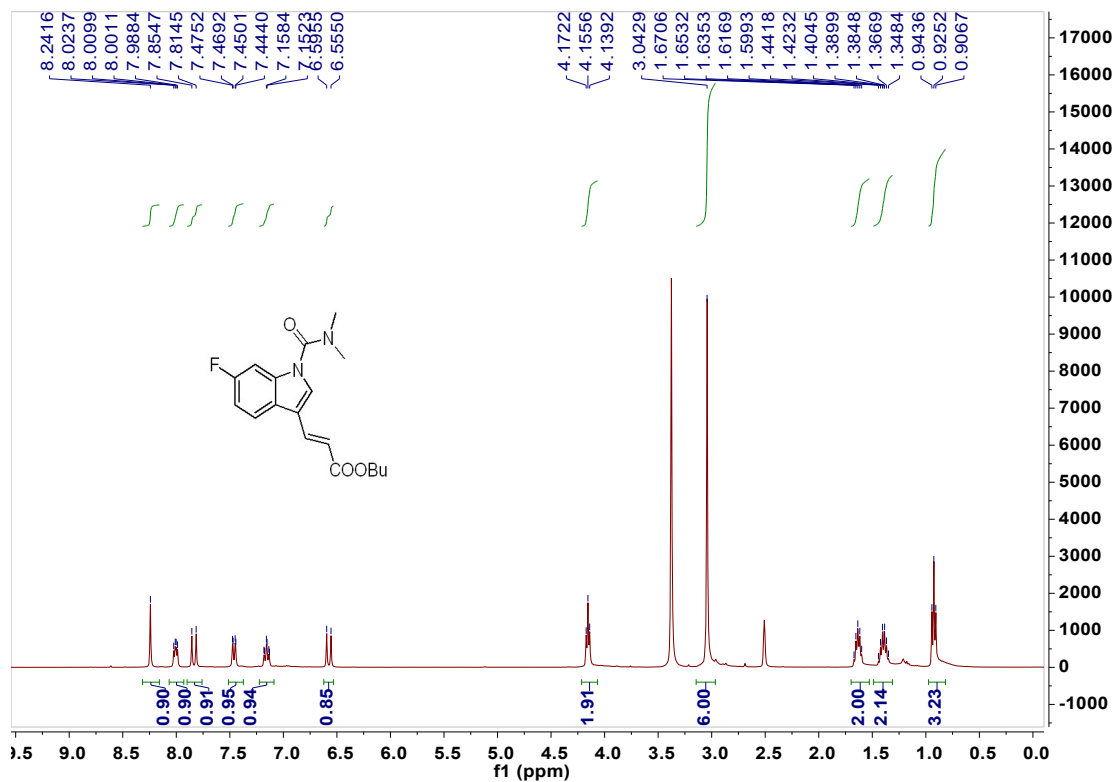


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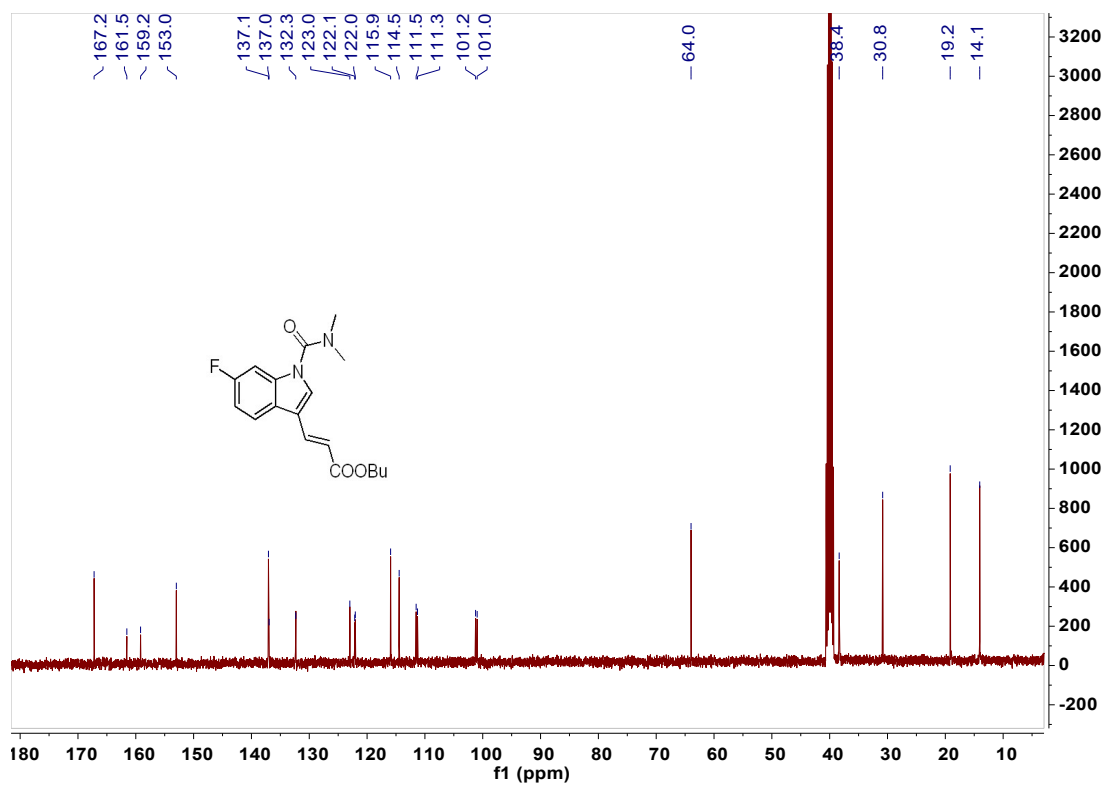




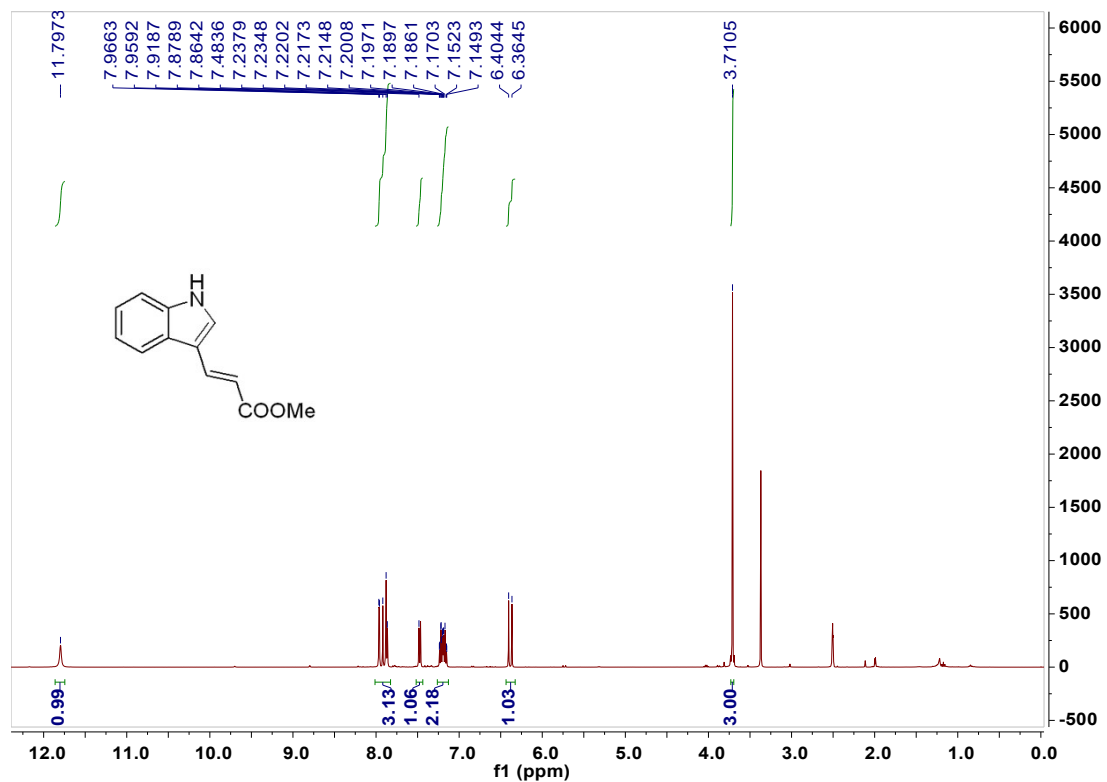
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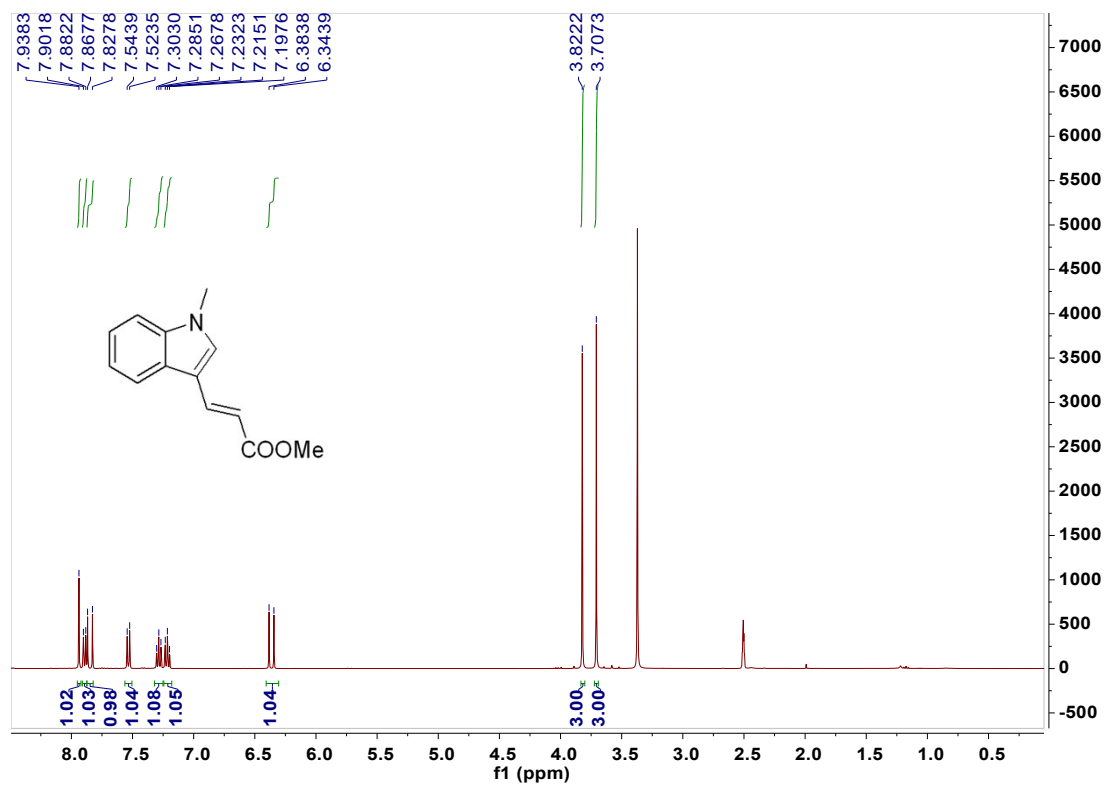
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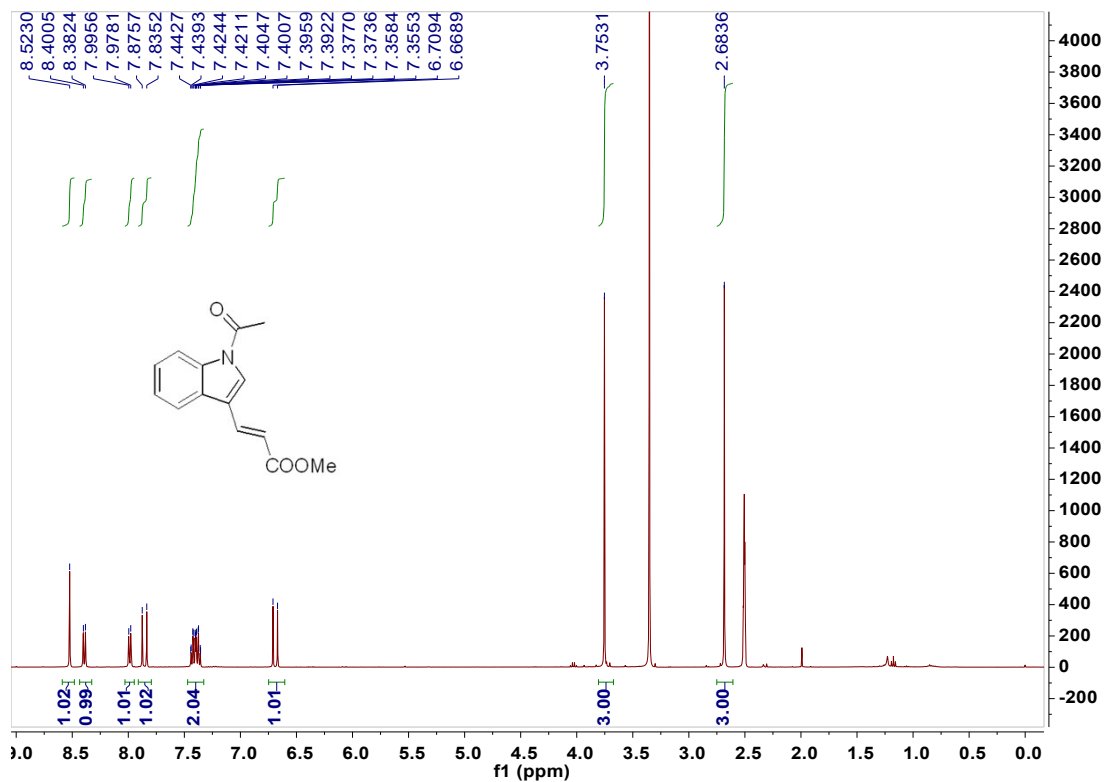
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<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of **7b**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of **8b**



<sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of **9**

